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THE WEATHER.

Rain Saturday, Sunday generally fair and somewhat colder.

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BULLS CONTROL COTTON MARKET

Favored During Week by Reports of Better Spot Demand, Etc.

SIXTEEN CENTS COMES TRUE

Situation Does Not Appeal to Manufacturers—Some of the Influences at Work for Higher Prices of Staple.

New York, Dec. 24.—The bulls have made good their prediction that 16 cents would be reached by Christmas time. They have been favored by reports of a better spot demand in various parts of the South, a bullish ginning report last Monday and evidences, as they believe, that trade is in much better condition than many had supposed.

Certainly the sentiment here has been generally bullish. Believers in higher prices dilate on the fact that the spinners' takings of late have exceeded the receipts. They also believe that spinners are in many cases become firm under a realization of the fact that the crop is really small, even if the recent government estimate of 10,088,000 bales have been rather too low. Those figures and some of the ginning returns are regarded by some as too small for the average credulity, but the idea is spreading that apart from this the yield is actually several millions less than the world's consumption of American cotton. Some bulls, indeed, put the disparity between supply and prospective demand as at least 3,000,000 bales. More generally it is stated that at 2,500,000 and the prediction is made that before the close of the season wholesale curtailment will be compulsory. The yield is not only small in this country, but is also said to be much smaller than usual in Egypt. Some recent estimates of the East Indian crop are smaller than at one time, though the yield in that quarter is expected to be comparatively liberal. Of late Liverpool prices have been stronger than looked for, the spot sales there increased on Thursday, and from parts of Texas, Alabama, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Georgia and Louisiana reports have been received of a better demand for the actual cotton. The farmers are believed to have sold considerable of their crop at high prices and to be in a position to hold the remainder for some time to come. Fall River mills refused to accede to their employes' request to close on Friday, December 24, for the Christmas holidays, and this is taken as meaning that trade in that section is in no bad way. Indeed, the reports indicate a gradual improvement in the business of cotton goods. The holiday trade has been very active. General trade is improving. Silver has recently advanced materially, whereby the buying power of the Orient has been sensibly increased.

On the other hand, many consider prices altogether too high, and that sooner or later this must be as disastrous a break in prices as there was in the Sully campaign. This element expect the South to plant an enormous acreage during the coming Spring, one that may conceivably mean a crop under favorable condition of 15,000,000 bales.

On the advance there has been heavy liquidation by big operators and others. Federal legislation on the subject of cotton futures has been introduced and may be carried through during the present session of Congress. Cotton manufacturers are in many cases bitterly resentful of the present high cost of raw material believing it to be largely due to speculation. The general sentiment elsewhere is bullish, however, based on the proposition that consideration of supply and demand must ultimately force prices to a higher level, however regrettable from the manufacturers' view point, this may be.

HALF MILLION LOST IN FIRE.

Florida Town Visited by Disastrous Conflagration Yesterday.

Ocala, Fla., Dec. 24.—Fire which started at 4 o'clock this morning at Crystal River near here, completely destroyed the Dixon Cedar Pencil factory, entailing a loss of half a million dollars. The fire spread from the Dixon plant to nearby buildings and late this afternoon was threatening to destroy the entire town. Messages asking for aid were received here at noon and one chemical engine and fifty men were despatched to the scene of the fire on a special train at 1 o'clock. Later in the day a message was received stating that the town was seriously in danger of being destroyed; that the Ocala firemen were working hard with the citizens in their efforts to check the fire.

The fire started in the boiler room of the Dixon factory. Reports received here at 4 o'clock this afternoon state that the efforts of the firemen have been directed towards saving nearby properties, principally the Dixon Hotel. No fears were then felt for the business section, though the fire was burning rapidly.

Cars to the Beach.

Today cars to the beach every half hour in the afternoon. **

On Christmas eve the children, all gathered around the fire,
Discuss the probabilities until they must retire.

'Tis then the fateful wishbone, kept over from Thanksgiving day,
Is brought to light and broken in the traditional way.

With their fair, expectant faces and eyes with light aglow
They await the anxious moment when all of them shall know

Who is to be the favorite of fortune and whose choice
Is sure to bring fulfillment fit to make the heart rejoice.

TRADE EXCEEDINGLY BRIGHT

Cotton Goods Advancing in Price—Record Broken in Cotton Goods Trade With South America and Philippines.

New York, Dec. 24.—R. G. Dun & Co's weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say in part:

Holiday trade has been on the whole, very satisfactory. The colder weather has contributed to more wholesome trade conditions in several lines. The general business situation presents a somewhat mixed appearance, though there is no fundamental change in conditions, the outlook being, in the main, exceedingly bright.

The recent advance of cotton to above 16 cents for the May option was one of the incidents of the week and is in line with the general tendency of higher prices.

Conditions in iron and steel remain somewhat mixed, dullness and weakness still being apparent in the pig iron markets, whereas, on the other hand ,there is quite and active demand for steel products generally. In the primary markets the usual holiday quiet is apparent, although cotton goods purchasers by converters have been fair and fancy overcoating for Fall are not being ordered. Southern yarn mills are planning for curtailment to offset the trying conditions due to high cost cotton. Prices on cotton goods are firm and have shown further advances in some directions to a parity with the advancing raw material market.

The best export business in cotton goods is reported with the Philippines and South America.

Holiday quiet prevails among New England wear manufacturers, most of whom are now taking inventory of stock, while the jobbing trade generally is dull.

MILL OPERATIVE ON RAMPAGE.

Ran Amuck Yesterday Afternoon in Mill Village at Fayetteville.

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 24.—Until he ran afoul of Magistrate McMillan at his home, Albert Melvin, an operative at the Holt Morgan cotton mill, went on a rampage of the village settlement this morning, visiting the houses of several people, cursing and abusing them disgracefully and drawing a knife upon several women who dared to remonstrate with him about his conduct. When he reached 'Squire McMillan's house, the magistrate demanded that he keep the peace and received a blow in the face which floored him, for his trouble. Finally two other magistrates came up and the young man was overpowered and placed in a wagon in which he was hauled to town and thrown into jail until he sobered up.

FIFTY WERE INJURED IN WRECK.

Train Conveying Christmas Travelers Went Into Ditch.

Winnipeg, Mann., Dec. 24.—A spreading rail caused a Canadian passenger train of twelve coaches, four of them sleeping cars, to jump into a ditch near Chapteau, East of Fort William, Ont., today and fifty persons were injured, none seriously.

It is thought that many of the victims sustained internal injuries. Most of the passengers were western Canadians bound to spend the holidays in Ontario towns.

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FLEEING FROM NICARAGUA

Ex-President Zelaya Departed From Capital Under Cover of Darkness—Was Accompanied by Body Guard Heavily Armed.

Corinto, Nic., Dec. 24.—Jose Santos Zelaya, who three days ago relinquished the presidency of Nicaragua to Dr Jose Madriz—the same day his army met defeat by the revolutionists at Rama—has fled the capital and tonight is in Corinto surrounded by his body guard and a few faithful friends.

Zelaya departed from Managua under cover of darkness, escorted by fifty of his guard of honor, and a squad of artillerymen with a Maxim gun Just at 3 o'cloc kthis morning the party quietly left the former President's home and half an hour later went on board a small steamer which sailed immediately for Momotombo on Lake Managua.

The trip was made without special incident. There were no demonstrations along the line, the population generally being unaware of the identity of the passengers of the specira. train. All the members of the party, including Zelaya himself, were heavily armed. Zelaya appeared calm and quite cheerful.

Food For Starving Soldiers.

Washington, Dec. 24.—To relieve the starvation of the captured soldiers of the Zelayan army at Rama and furnish much needed aid to soldiers of both the Nicaraguan government forces and the insurgents who were injured in the battle near Rama, the United States government today ordered the cruiser Prairie, now at Colon, to take on board $5,000 worth of staple supplies secured by funds of the American Red Cross ociety and proceed with all possible haste to Bluefields

Mysterious Movements.

San Juan del Sur, Nica., Dec. 24.—The United States gunboat Princeton arrived here today from Corinto.

A dispatch dated Corinto says the Princeton was reported as having gone to the Gulf of Fonseca. No explanation has been offered concerning her presence at the place.

This action on the part of the American government was taken at the urgent request of Captain Shipley, of the United States ship Des Moines now in Bluefields, who reports that the captured Zelaya army is actually in a state of starvation.

The actual situation at Bluefields is explained in a telegram received by the Secretary of the Navy from Captain Shipley, under yesterday's date received here today. It says in part:

"Splendid work is being accomplished by our hospital service on shore. Seventy five seriously wounded men were treated last night. So far, one hundred and fifty wounded have arrived. Hospital facilities assure adequate care for the present.

Nearly one thousand men were killed but the number may total more. I witnessed the arrival of prisoners whose condition was pitiable. They were lame and near starvation. Many were boys 11 to 12 years old. Some women and small children were among the prisoners. There are not enough food supplies in Bluefields to supply the revolutionists and prisoners. The situation is critical. Starvation or epidemic may occur."

This telegram was preceded by one from U. S. Consul Moffat, at Bluefields, which indicated that a desperate situation existed among the prisoners, which called for immediate action. To this Acting Secretary Winthrop replied by sending the following instructions to Captain Shipley via

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MARK TWAIN'S GREAT SORROW

Tragic Death of His Favorite Daughter Upon the Eve of Christmas—Attack of Epilepsy in Bath Tub.

Redding, Conn., Dec. 24.—Mark Twain's invalid daughter, Jean, met death tragically this morning while at the bath, bringing poignant grief at Christmas time to Stormfield. She was his youngest daughter, endeared to him not only by long companionship, but by her frail health caused by recurrent attacks of epilepsy. Her death leaves Dr. Clements without kin in this country to share his sorrow.

Jean Clemens died probably of strangulation due to an attack of epilepsy, or from heart failure. The body was found in the bath tub with the head only partly submerged.

Miss Clemens had evinced physical weariness of late, but yesterday afternoon she rode her favorite horse to the postoffice to get the early Christmas mail, and last night she cheerfully prepared a Christmas tree which she had planned to distribute gifts this morning.

When she arose this morning she went to the bath room where her lifeless body was found later. Her failure to respond to the maid's knocking on the door revealed her death

With characteristic philosophy, Mark Twain is bearing up bravely. Hundreds of messages of condolence are arriving from throughout this country and abroad. Death has already taken from him his wife and his daughter Susan.

Jean Clemens was about 30 years old, and was her father's close com-

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OUTLINES.

The Explorers' Club, of New York, yesterday voted with bowed heads to expel Dr. Cook from membership in the club, even his friends joining in the sorrowful spectacle and coinciding in the declaration that the Doctor is unworthy of belief and a falsifier, the club pronounces his alleged asscension of Mount McKinley a bold deception ——President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, fled his capital under darkness Thursday night and reached Corinto under body guard heavily armed——The three Wardlaw sisters have been indicted in New York for the murder of Mrs. Ocey Snead, and evidence of a suicide pact between all members of the family has been discovered——In the Brokaw divorce case in New York yesterday, the husband declared his love for his wife, and is willing to take her back to his arms, but she prefers $60,000 alimony a year——Five men were probably killed by a locomotive explosion yesterday at Shawnee, Oklahoma——There was a $500,000 fire near Ocala, Fla., yesterday——The week end in New York finds the bulls taking a firm stand, with statistics and trade in their favor, while the bears depend on the belief that higher prices will lead to a record breaking crop the coming season——Dun & Co., report trade as generally bright, with cotton goods advancing in price——At Hillsville, Pa., yesterday a family of five persons and three boarders were burned to death in a residence which caught on fire from a lamp——New York markets: Money on call firm 2 1-2 to 5 1-2 per cent; spot cotton, holiday; wheat steady, No. 2 red 1.27 to 1.27 1-2 to arrive elevator; corn steady, No. 2, 70 1-4 elevator, 70 3-4 delivered; oats dull, mixed 47; turpentine quiet, machine barrels 47; rosin quiet strained common to good 4.15 to 4.20.

INDICTMENT FOR MURDER

Wardlaw Sisters Must Answer for Mysterious Death of Young Woman—Evidence of Suicide Compact Discovered.

New York, Dec. 24.—Gruesome phraseology in the indictments against the Wardlaw sisters, charged with the murder of Ocey Snead, was made public today in the arraignment of Msr. Caroline W. Martin, the victim's mother and Mrs. Mary Snead, an aunt, in the Tombs police court when they were re-committed to the Tombs for 30 days, pending extradition to New Jersey.

In the indictments against both, it is charged that they did "take the said Ocey Snead with both their hands, and cast, throw and push said Ocey Snead into a certain bath tub where there was a great quantity of water, and by means of which said Ocey Snead was choked, suffocated and drowned."

Another count charges that Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Snead did incite, procure, abet, counsel, hire and command Virginia Wardlaw to do and commit murder upon the body of Ocey Snead. As heretofore told, the grand jury, as an additional precaution, charges all three with aiding and abetting the victim's suicide.

Further complications in the maze of contradictory evidence which the investigation of the case was unearthed, developed today with the discovery of additional documents. They were found by the Brooklyn police in the Henry street house once occupied by the Wardlaws and imbued the detectives with the belief that the entire family had made a suicide pact which was only partly fulfilled by the death of Ocey Snead.

The alleged pact is said to be revealed by letters signed by Ocey Snead, her husband, Fletcher; Mrs. Martin, her mother, and her two aunts, Mrs. Mary Snead and Miss Virginia Wardlaw. Accompanying them were sevral blank forms of attorney, all signedby Ocey Snead. The documents have been turned over to the New Jersey authorities.

BRYAN GOES TO SOUTH AMERICA

Democratic Commoner Better and on Way to Cuba.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 24.—Hon. William J. Bryan, who has been ill for several days at the home of his cousin, ex-Governor William S. Jennings here, left at 4 o'clock this afternoon for Miami, Fla., from which point he will board a steamer for Cuba, later going to South America. Mr. Bryan was feeling very much better when he left the city, but was still suffering from a severe cold.

TURMOIL IN NEGRO REPUBLIC.

News From Santo Domingo is Quite Disconcerting Just Now.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 24.—News from Santo Domingo by persons arriving today says that bloody battles between the government and revolutionary forces on the island, in which the former suffered defeat. It is declared that President Caceres cannot longer hold out against the revolutionists who are headed by former President Jiminez and Morales.

Merry Christmas to our friends. People's Savings Bank. **

Gaylord will sell firework until 11 o'clock today. **

W. GOULD BROKAW STILL LOVES WIFE

Is Willing to Take Her Back to His Arms And Forgive.

SHE PREFERS $60,000 A YEAR

In Divorce Case Husband Declares He Had Only One Week of Happiness in Married Life—Desires Conciliation.

New York, Dec. 24.—One week of happiness in two years of married life, was the best W. Gould Brokaw could get out of his bargain, he testified in court today. And yet he is willing to take his wife back. She, however, seems to prefer separation and $60,000 a year alimony.

"I bear absolutely no rancor towards my wife", he volunteered in his testimony today, "and if she will promise to be good, I will take her back in my arms. All I want her to promise is that she will not accuse me of going with other women and that she will stop calling me names. If she makes that promise I will wish her a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Mrs. Brokaw was not present to hear her husband's offer of reconciliation. A severe cold kept her housed today. But her counsel was disinclined to credit Mr. Brokaw's sincerity. "If Mr. Brokaw means what he said," commented Mr. Baldwin to the court, "there is no reason why they should not be reconciled, but I believe it is nothing more than a well planned scheme to create favor for the defendant."

At the resumption of hearings today Brokaw was asked to describe the single week of wedded bliss he would allow. He was sick at the time and quarrels and worry were not good for him, he said. His physicians advised him not to see Mrs. Brokaw but he insisted and won.

"I could not seem to get Mrs. Brokaw off my mind," he explained, "and finally the doctors said she could visit me. I drove half way to meet her and for a week she was very loving and affectionate. Everything was lovely."

Mr. McIntyre, Brokaw's counsel, brought out denials that Brokaw ever set his servants to spying on his wife or that he was jealous of her physicians. He never suspected, he said, that Mrs. Brokaw would elope with one of the doctors whose name has figured in the suit, because, Brokaw said, the doctor was too effeminate.

He never heard his wife mention the name of "Bunnie" Wells, whose presence in a house party at Great Neck, L. I., precipitated the final estrangement. He only knew that a man had slept in his bed—what man he could not find out.

AWFUL TRAGEDY IN OKLAHOMA

Five Killed and 17 Injured by Locomotive Explosion.

Shawnee, Okla., Dec. 24.—Five workmen, it is believed, were killed and 17 others were injured today by the explosion of a locomotive boiler that wreecked the repair shop of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad.

Though railway officials say that only two are dead, fragments of bodies found in the wreckage make it almost certain that five were killed. Employes say that twenty are missing. The known dead are:

Robert Kerr and John Johns. Five of the more seriously injured are in a hospital. Company C, of the Oklahoma National Guard is on duty by order of Governor Haskell to preserve order. The shop yards are strewn with fragments of human flesh. The body of Kerr was found three blocks away from the shop. Fragments of the body of Johns were gathered from roofs of adjoining buildings. Windows all over town were shattered tonight.

EUROPE STORM SWEPT.

All of Southwest Suffered Heavily by Winds and Floods.

Paris, Dec. 24.—All southwestern Europe was swept by destructive storms and floods today. In southeast France forests were devastated, buildings demolished and lines of communication were interrupted. Belgium suffered heavily from wind and flood, many factories being forced to close down on account of the inundations.

Madrid reported the most disastrous floods in 50 years. Many towns suffered serious damages, but no loss of life is recorded. The rivers of Portugal were raging torrents from an extraordinary rainfall. Although the material damage is considerable no loss of life has been reported.

KING ALFONSO'S CONDITION

Another Operation Now Deemed Imperative—Gravest Anxiety.

Paris, Dec. 24.—Private advices received here from Madrid state that the condition of King Alfonso has created the gravest anxiety in court circles Another operation is imperative. Under the guise of departure on a hunting trip in Andulsia, His Majesty will go to the palace of the countess of Paris at San Lucar, where the operation will be performed.

Gaylord will sell firework until 11 o'clock today. **

GRAND BOUNCE FOR DR. COOK

Fake Explorer Expelled From Explorers' Club in New York.

VOTE TAKEN WITH BOWED HEADS

Board of Managers Declare Explorer Unworthy of Belief—He Deceived and Falsified About Ascension of Mt. McKinley.

New York, Dec. 24.—The board of governors of the Explorers' Club met today in executive session and, standing in silence, voted with bowed heads that Dr. Frederick A. Cook be dropped from the rolls of the club for frauds practiced on its members and on the public.

Coming hard upon the heels of the crushing verdict lately rendered by the University of Copenhagen, the action of the Explorers' Club today is the result of independent investigations which in no way touch upon the polar controversy and the weight of its disapproval thus becomes cumulative.

Preliminary to its vote of expulsion, the board met to pass upon the report of its committee which has been investigating the validity of Dr. Cook's assertion that he reached the summit of Mount McKinley.

This committee in concluding an exhaustive report, recommended that "Dr. Cook's claim that he ascended the summit of Mount McKinley in 1906 be rejected by the explorers' club as unworthy of credence."

The committee's recommendation was based on its finding that "Dr. Cook had repeatedly made statements that have not been in accord with the facts, and that he had entered into agreements which he has failed to keep and that the misstatements and broken agreements deal not only with the matters appertaining to discovery, but to ordinary financial transactions, so that no credence can be given to statements made by him."

Among the seven signatures appended to this arraignment are those of Casper Whitney and Anthony Fiala, polar explorer of note, both personal friends of Dr. Cook. The committee is further explicit in its statement that it undertook its investigation only after first apprising Dr. Cook of its purpose which he approved in person; and that it has disregarded entirely the testimony of Edward Barrill, Dr. Cook's guide, and of Frederick Printz, his packer, although such testimony was before them—because it wished no cloud of partisan contentions, or question of financial interest to dim the integrity of its verdict.

In addition to the findings of the committee as a whole, individual signed reports are submitted by Herschel C. Parker, professor of Physics at Columbia, and Belmore Brown, both of whom were members of the Cook-McKinley expedition; and by Charles Sheldon, who had recently returned from a year's residence on the slope of Mount McKinley, where he went for the express purpose of studying the configuration of the mountain, with a view to the possibility of its ascent.

Professor Parker reports that he was a partner with Dr. Cook in the McKinley expedition, both physically and financially. Dr. Cook assumed the lead with a plan which proved unfeasable and the party escaped with their lives. "It was perfectly understood," says Professor Parker, "that after the misadventure all further attempts were abandoned for the season. Otherwise Professor Parker would not have left the expedition."

Instead of this, Dr. Cook, it is charged, side-tracked all members of the expedition until there remained only Cook, his guide Barrill and one packer, who was subsequently got rid of also. These defections left Dr. Cook, says Professor Parker, no instruments capable of measuring the altitudes he says he attained. Moreover, he adds, the Summer's experience had shown that of all the party Dr. Cook and Barrill were the least fitted physically for arduous mountain climbing.

Belmore Brown, in the main confirms Professor Parker and says also that in Dr. Cook's book there is not one date given from the time he left the Chulitaliver. This makes intelligent criticism impossible, he declares. He asserts further that he never say Dr. Cook make a single aneroid barometer reading during the whole trip.

Confirming a charge that has previously been made, he says Dr. Cook was known to be in serious financial straits and would have had great difficulty in getting out of Alaska if he had not reported that he attained the summit of Mount McKinley. Furthermore, in none of the pictures published in Dr. Cook's book does a climbing rope appear.

Brown and Sheldon also represents various photographs in Dr. Cook's book do not represent the peaks they are said to picture; and Sheldon denies that he is the author of the appendix C. in the book which Dr. Cook credits to him.

The committee as a whole, therefore, concludes in part that "Dr. Cook's account not only such as to be unconvincing to the experienced mountaineer but that under analysis it becomes incredible.

"That he entered into a secret financial agreement with a publisher which

resulted in embarrassment to his associates.

"That he broke his agreement with his fellow club members to supply his original photographs and data upon which his book was based."

COTTON MILL MEN CALLED.

Will Consider Conditions in the Market at Present.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 24.—The News this afternoon says:

A general call was issued today by Mr. T. W. Crews, secretary, for a meeting in this city January 4th. This will probably be the most important meeting of manufacturers of cotton goods ever held in the South and at that time something will be done to adjust the prices of yarn more in proportion to the price of cotton.

The manufacturers feel sure that raw cotton will stay at its present price or at least not get cheaper. They are, therefore, not trying to depress prices of the raw material but get a better price for their finished products and when they meet here they will remain in session until some plan is decided upon. This call was sent to over 350 mills in the South and over 100 commission merchants through which their goods are sold. Probably two or three hundred representatives will be here on that occasion and they are men who represent the majority of the wealth among the cotton mills of the South.

Commission houses of New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Providence will send representatives to meet with the manufacturers and work out some plan by which this situation may be met.

For some time the price of cotton has been such that the mills could not sell their yarns profitably and it looks as if they will stop the wheels unless an advance in the yarn market takes place at once. This is about the only alternative. Should they keep running and still hold their goods from the market, the stock already on hand would be placed on the market and prices would not be materially changed.

Forty-three mills, through their representatives, have formed a committee, so to speak, and signed the call for this meeting. Others have signified their intention of being represented at this important meeting and the outcome of the session is of much importance, the attention of the cotton markets of the world is directed to the outcome of the Charlotte meeting.

This meeting is not called under the auspices of the hard or soft yarn manufacturers of the South, but Mr. J. P. McRae, president of the Soft Yarn Spinners' Association, and Mr. W. B. Moore, president of the Hard Yarn Spinners' Association, have stated that they would request their members to be here January 4th and take part in the proceedings of the general meeting.

SEABOARD PARLOR CAR.

Observer Wants Service Extended All the Way to Charlotte.

The Charlotte Observer says editorially:

"The Seaboard Air Line gives notice that it has established a parlor car line between Hamlet and Wilmington on trains Nos. 39 and 40. If permissable to do so we would suggest to the management that it would do its patrons a much greater service if it would extend this service to Charlotte instead of stopping it at Hamlet. Trains Nos. 39 and 40 run only between Hamlet and Wilmington. Persons from Charlotte or any point above Monroe wishing to go to Wilmington or to any point east of Hamlet or wishing to take the reverse trip, who travel by these two trains on the eastern section have to change cars at both Monroe and Hamlet. Were this parlor car service extended to Charlotte those two changes would be avoided, and persons who have had to make the change at Hamlet in the night know how annoying it is. The other Seaboard trains between Charlotte and Wilmington—the one leaving this city in the late afternoon and the one leaving Wilmington early in the morning—run through, and passengers do not have to change between the two cities. But it is not always convenient for persons to take those trains and for those who have to take the others and are forced to change trains at Monroe and Hamlet the parlor car service from the latter point to Wilmington is of no service or, at least very little.

Through car service on these trains, thus avoiding the disagreeable changes, would be greatly appreciated by the patrons of the road. In fact, we think they have the right to insist that such accommodations be given them. It would cost the company very little more to make Charlotte instead of Hamlet the western terminus of the service, and by doing so it would increase its receipts and, furthermore, the traveling public would be greatly convenienced. The fact is, we can't see how the road benefits by having parlor car service on a way train between Wilmington and Hamlet. It cannot be denied that the public would be greatly convenienced by the change herein proposed. We believe it would increase travel to and from this city over the Seaboard and would make the route more popular with the traveling public."

DR. W. K. ANDERS.

The subject of this sketch was born near Gravel Hill, Bladen county, N. C., January 15th, 1847, and died at White Oak, N. C., November 28th, 1909. The writer, having attended school with him, knew him as a boy and since has enjoyed him as a neighbor and a friend. As a boy he was kind and gentle and as he grew into manhood these virtues were more accentuated, as he had a broader field in which to work. At an early age he entered into service in the Confederate army at Fort Fisher and did his duty as a soldier and was taken prisoner on his 17th birthday and carried to a northern prison where he stayed until paroled. Soon after his return home from prison, he began the study of medicine and later graduated in medicine at the University of Philadelphia, Pa. He also took post-graduate course at Charleston, S. C., in 1878. Having finished he at once entered into the practice of medicine which was his life's work until just one week before his death. As a physician he stood at the top of the profession. He was gentle and unobtrusive in his manner, but earnest in his endeavors to relieve suffering. His entrance into the sick room, seemed at once to inspire confidence in his patient that he was in the hands of a skillful physician and a true friend. As a friend, neighbor, and citizen, he was true, honest and loyal. He was elected and served on the board of county commissioners of Bladen eight years. When quite young Dr. Anders was married to Miss Ella Cromartie, of Tallahassee, Fla. By this marriage was born to them four children, one son and three daughters: Mr. Leon Anders, Mrs. C. C. Birmingham, and Mrs. W. L. Bissenger, of Wilmington, and Mrs. T. B. Newkirk, of Kerr, N. C., all of whom survive him, together with his wife and two sisters, Mrs. W. E. Herring, of Garland, and Mrs. Mary Pridgen, of Clarkton.

Dr. Anders was a very indulgent husband and father, and was especially fond of his six little grandchildren. He practiced in Bladen, Pender, Sampson and New Hanover (Wilmington) counties and made friends wherever he was known, hence the large number of us to lament his death. His remains were laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at White Oak, where he had made his home, among true and loyal friends.

A FRIEND.

COINS IN RURAL BOXES.

Circular to Postmasters From Fourth Assistant P. M. General.

From a recent count made by rural carriers in one of the counties in the State of New York of coins deposited by patrons in their boxes for the purchase of stamp supplies, it was found that each carrier in the county was collecting an average of 115 one-cent coins each week. This average applied to all the routes in operation throughout the country would give the enormous total of about 300,000,000 one-cent coins.

Fourth Assistant Posmaster General P. V. DeGraw has issued a circular to postmasters in which he says:

"As most of these coins are deposited loose in boxes, it is desirable that you and the rural carriers, in a tactful and polite way, put forth your best efforts to induce patrons to provide themselves with stamp supplies in advance of their needs, and to equip their boxes with suitable coin-holding receptacles. It should be explained to patrons that the picking of loose coins from boxes not only results in needless hardship and suffering to carriers in winter weather, delays the delivery and collection of the mails, but frequently in actual money loss to the carriers, for if, in collecting coins from boxes, they drop them into the snow or on the ground without recovery, they are required to replace the amount out of their own funds.

"If it can be done without expense to the Department, announcement of the foregoing should be made in your local paper."

Merry Christmas to our friends People's Savings Bank. **

RED CROSS STAMPS

Supply to be Replenished—Local Sellers to Meet.

Nashville, Dec. 23.—The demand for the Christmas Red Cross Stamps is becoming greater every day. Merchants are telephoning constantly to headquarters for more stamps, and the first supply at the office is almost completely exhausted. More, however, are being rushed from the War Department at Washington and will be here in a day or so, before the supply is exhausted from the stores. One thousand, one hundred and eighty stamps were sold at Phillips & Buntorff's on Monday the first day the stamps were put on sale, and on Tuesday 1,283 were sold from the same store. This firm is so interested in the sale of the Christmas stamps that they have placed the attractive stamp table near the door in a conspicuous place, even going so far as to close one side of the door in this extremely busy season that the place may be more comfortable for the young lady in charge. Many of the clerks are making it their business to speak of the stamps to their customers, many of them escorting customers to the table.

BACK GIVEN OUT

Plenty of Wilmington Readers Have This Experience.

You tax the kidneys—overwork them—

They can't keep up the continual strain.

The back gives out—it aches and pains;

Urinary troubles set in.

Don't wait longer—take Doan's Kidney Pills.

Wilmington people tell you how they act.

William L. Benson, 618 S. Second St., Wilmington, N. C., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills, which I procured from Robert R. Bellamy drug store, did me more good than any other remedy I ever used. My back ached all the time and I could not stoop or lift without having sharp pains shoot through my body. Mornings my back was so lame and sore that it was hard for me to get out of bed. The kidney secretions were highly colored and contained a great deal of sediment. Doan's Kidney Pills stopped the pains in my back and regulated the passage of the kidney secretions. I have such confidence in this remedy that I advise its use to anyone suffering from kidney complaint."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Mulburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other

Gaylord will sell firework until 11 o'clock today. **

Merry Christmas to our friends People's Savings Bank. **

KNOWN IN COLUMBIA.

Late Col. Jno. L. Cantwell Secretary of Palmetto Association.

(Columbia, S. C., Record, 22nd.)

Col. John Lucas Cantwell, who died last night, aged 80, at his home in Wilmington, was very well known in Columbia, though he was not related to the Columbia family of that name, having come from a Charleston family.

Col. Cantwell had been for many years secretary of the Palmetto Association, composed of survivors of the gallant South Carolina regiment which made itself immortal in the Mexican war and added lustre to its laurels during the War Between the Sections. He himself an ornament to the command, having done gallant service in both wars and been one of the "immortal 600", who were placed under fire of Confederate batteries by their captors in Charleston harbor. The prisoners were placed on Morris island in the hope that their fellow-citizens, seeing them so imperilled, would cease firing upon the Yankee ships and batteries beyond them.

Col. Cantwell was a conspicuous figure at the Confederate reunions and had often visited Columbia upon these occasions. He had been secretary of the Wilmington board of trade for many years.

FIRECRACKER FATALITY

Two Year Old Georgia Child Fatally Burned Yesterday.

East Point, Ga., Dec. 24.—The two-year-old child of E. H. Martin, of this place, was fatally burned this afternoon while shooting fire crackers in the back yard. The little child's clothing became ignited in some manner and before the mother could render assistnce horrible burns were inflicted about the trunk, neck and face. Mrs. Martin sustained severe injury while smothering the flames with her hands and clothing.

ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS.

Some Authorities Make Christ's Birth Date in April or May.

From time immemorial the Latin church has celebrated the birth of Christ on Dec. 25th, though ancient authorities are not agreed as to whether this is the actual date of this great event. According to St. Clement, of Alexandria, some placed it on April 20, others on May 20. St. Epiphanius and Cussian state that in Egypt January 6 was believed to be the day.

The Greeks for a long time had no special feast corresponding to Christmas Day, for St. Chrysoston, in a sermon delivered in A. D. 389 at Antioch, says that "iti s not ten years since this was clearly known to us, but it has been familiar from the beginning to those who dwell in the West."

The actual crib or manger in which Christ was born was, according to an old tradition, brought from Bethlehem in the seventh century, and is now preserved in St. Mary Major, in Rome.

The present custom of erecting a stable and crib in churches at Christmas time, with figures representing the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, and the Infant Jesus, was first introduced by St. Francis of Sssisi in the Francescan Order in the thirteenth century.

KILLED BY SEAABOARD.

Georgia Farmer Struck by Train and Dragged 50 Feet.

Athens, Ga., Dec. 24.—W. L. Whitehead, a well known farmer of Winder, Ga., was instantly killed here this morning by a Seaboard passenger train which struck his buggy at a road crossing. The buggy was completely demolished, two horses killed and the man dragged 50 feet by the engine.

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Pocket Knives—Pearl Aluminum, Enamel, Stag, Gun Metal and Silver Handles.	Hamilton Rifles, $1.50.
Universal Coffee Percolators and Coffee Machines—Ask your neighbor who uses one.	Shot Guns.
Bird Scissors.	Razors—Gillette Safety in triple silver plated cases, $5.00.
Manicure Scissors.	Boker Razors—In Morrocco cases, $2.50 to $5.00 pair.
Canary Cages.	Razor Strops—$1.50, high grade in individual boxes.
Parrot Cages.	Jointed Fish Rods.
Fireless Cookers.	Hunting Coats, Vests, Caps.

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IMPORTANT CASE REMOVED.

Judge Boyd to Try Power Co. vs. Mfg. Co.

(Greensboro News.)

In the United States Circuit Court yesterday afternoon Judge James E. Boyd ruled that the case of the Catawba Manufacturing and Electric Power Company against the W. and J. Knox Net and Twine Company and the William J. Hooper Manufacturing Company was removable from the court of a justice of the peace to the Circuit Court of the United States, as provided in a special act of Congress, and an order was signed transferring the case from Charlotte to Greensboro for trial at the adjourned term of the Circuit Court here on January 10th.

The case involves a question as to whether or not a summary proceeding in ejectment provided under a North Carolina statute in a justice's court in Gaston county was removable under the act of Congress to the Circuit court of the United States. The defendants in the case are the lessees of the Mountain Island cotton mills in Gaston county, which belong to the plaintiff. The plaintiff alleges that the term of the lease of the defendants has expired and that they are holding over since the first of Novemebr, 1909. This the defendants deny, and claim that the term was extended to October 1st, 1910. The defendants have about $200,000 worth of machinery in the mill and $150,000 worth of cotton on hand.

When the summons was returned before Justice of the Peace Rhine at Gaston last Friday, the defendants filed petition for removal of the case to the Circuit Court on the ground that the plaintiff was a North Carolina corporation and the defendants non-resident corporations, and further, that there was upwards of $2,000 exclusive of interest and cost involved in the case. The justice refused to grant the petition for removal, whereupon the defendants demanded a trial by jury, but owing to the fact that the justice had no jury box, the case was adjourned until the following Monday. In the meantime the defendants procured a transcript of the case and had it docketed in the Circuit Court of the United States at Charlotte, and Judge Boyd was appealed to and issued an order restraining the plaintiff from proceeding further with the case.

Thereupon the plaintiff filed a demurrer and made a motion before the Circuit Court to have the case remanded on the ground chiefly that the Federal court could not carry out the spirit of the North Carolina statute providing a summary proceeding in ejectment.

The plaintiff is represented by Messrs. F. I. Osborne, of Charlotte, and O. F. Mason, of Gastonia, while Messrs. Tillett and Guthrie, of Charlotte, represent the defendants.

CUT OUT TELEPHONES.

Southern Express Did Not Use Service For Hours.

(News and Observer.)

People who yesterday tried to get telephone connection with the Southern Express Company were told by Capital City telephone operators that the Southern Express Company had directed that its telephone be not rung. Hence there was no chance to ask if packages had arrived, had been sent out, or to get the rates.

This was an inconvenience to the public that was not at all liked and there was much complaint about the Southern Express Company's action. There were some parties who said that they proposed to take up the matter with the North Carolina Corporation Commission, that the Southern Express Company had no right to shut itself up in a cell.

Clerks at the office of the company on Fayetteville street yesterday afternoon said that telephone connection had been ordered cut off, and last night, in response to many inquiries, the News and Observer asked Manager J. J. Bowen, of the Southern Express Company, about the cutting out of telephones in his office. He said that this had only been done during the checking up in a heavy rush of business, and that the service had been re-opened.

The telephone service in the city during the week has been exceedingly poor. This is bad enough, and when a public service corporation of which the public asks information cuts out its phone, the situation becomes worse. Some things ought not to be, for if there is so great a rush of business that inquiries over the phone can not be answered by the regular employes, then extra service should be put on. The Southern Express Company gets extra business during Christmas times and it should give attention to this at all times.

SPORTS AT PINEHURST.

Quail Shooting Fine and Hunters Gathering in Numbers.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 18.—The quail shooting is the best in the history of the local preserves, added zest being given to the sport by the presence of many wild turkeys, woodcock, and an abundance of doves.

In a single day, recently, two parties started 22 coveys of quail; J. D. Foot, of Rye, bringing in 15 birds, (the legal limit), two woodcock and a dove, and S. R. Johnson, of Philadelphia, 12 quail and three woodcock.

On another trip Mr. Foot bagged a handsome gobbler, one of seven wild turkeys which moved about within 25 yards of the anxious sportsman, but so located that he dared not turn to shoot. Never have these magnificent game birds been more plentiful and rare sport awaits the "patient" ones.

William Bryce, Jr., of New York, who has been here since early in November, is enjoying fine sport, but devoting his time mainly to training two young Pinehurst dogs, "Nell" and "Lass."

J. L. Gladwin, of Dijon, France, one of the early comers, found birds in plenty in half a day's hunting and the same rule is general for all who have been in the field.

H. H. Stambough, John Stambough and T. D. Wilkerson, of Youngstown, are late comers who will spend much time in the covers.

H. B. Brundrett, of New York, returns for his usual sojourn, bringing a brace of fine dogs with him.

George F. Blake, of Worcester, Mass., Benjamin Thaw, of Pittsburg and A. W. Hayford, of Boston, are among others booked for the immediate future, for the weeks to come are counted the best of the season.

$100 FOR DISTILLING.

Mecklenburger Gets Off on Queer Conditions at Charlotte.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 16.—In consideration of this being his first offense and that the product obtained from the operation of his home-made outfit could hardly be termed whiskey, James Pratt, charged with illicit distilling, plead guilty in Federal court this morning and escaped with a $100 fine. It seems that he will succeed in raising this amount and will return home with his wife and five children who had come to bid him good-bye, not expecting the sentence to be as light as that received.

Pratt, it will be remembered, was captured at his home near Mount Holly, on the Catawba river some time ago by Revenue Officer Harlrayer, Chief Christenbury and several others composing a possee, and a complete distilling outfit was found on the premises, part of it being hid beneath a quantity of cotton upstairs. The entire outfit was very primitive, being of home made construction, and according to those somewhat familiar with such things, not capable of turning out a very high grade article. For the still a wash pot served, while a wash tub used as the cap. There was no piece of copper about the entire affair with the exception of the worm. From the appearance of the interior of the defendant's house at the time the capture was made it seemed that he had been accustomd to operating his "still" in the fire place.

SANITARY SUNDAY PLAN.

Dr. Dunn, of Asheville Advised of Its Great Favor.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 21.—Newspaper clippings coming to Dr. L. W. Dunn, of this city, show the thought of the people in both the Carolinas and adjoining States to be strongly in favor of the "Sunday Sanitary" plan. This day of preaching and teaching the right care of the human body was suggested by the North Carolina Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, of which Dr. Dunn is president. "The press and the pulpit supplemented by the teacher in the Sunday School and the week-day school, must do a large part of the missionary and educational work which is necessary to rid this city of tuberculosis or consumption. During the last few weeks many of the leading newspapers of the Southern States," according to Dr. Dunn, "have been cordial in their support of our plan for Sanitary Sunday and have been intelligently appreciative of its real significance. The newspapers in their editorials have shown that the campaign against tuberculosis must largely be fostered by those agencies which influence the judgment and arouse the conscience of the average people. Hence this first step to enlist the active co-operation of the pulpit and the preacher. Because of the wide-spread discussion during this month, we shall count upon a very general observance of the new date to be announced."

CORN AND COTTON PRIZES.

Robeson Farmers to Have Spirit of Rivalry in Crop Raising.

(The Robesonian.)

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Bank of Lumberton a few days ago it was decided to offer three premiums aggregating $100 for the greatest yields of corn on one acre in Robeson. A prize of $50 will be given for the greatest yield, $30 for the second, $20 for the third.

No restrictions will be made as to amount of fertilizer that shall be used or as to how land shall be prepared. Those who intend to enter the contest will notify the Bank of Lumberton giving address and where land is located on which the corn is to be raised, and rules and regulations governing the contest will be mailed to them. At harvest time three disinterested men will be appointed to measure the land and the corn, so there will be no question as to the fairness of the contest.

The Robesonian has decided to offer for the best yield of cotton on an acre in Robeson next year two prizes, aggregating $75. For the best yield a prize of $50 will be given and for the second best yield a prize of $25.

SELLING SOME COTTON.

Messrs. Best & Thompson Close Out 1,000 Bales to Alex Sprunt & Son.

(Goldsboro Argus.)

Only a few days ago the Argus made note of a big deal in cotton between Messrs. Best & Thompson, of this city and Messrs. Alex Sprunt & Son, exporters, of Wilmington, in which the former closed out to the latter nineteen hundred bales, on the rise of the market. This sale was made on December 10th.

Yesterday evening, after the close of the market Messrs. Best & Thompson closed out another thousand bales to Messrs. Alex Sprunt & Son, which they had purchased from the farmers of this section. So that within this month this firm of local merchants have sold quite four thousand bales of cotton.

This speaks well for them, as cotton factors—and volumes for Goldsboro as the best cotton market in the State.

H. D. Manning a clerk in the Albany, Ga., postoffice was arrested Wednesday by Postoffice Inspector Wilson, of Atlanta, charged with embezzlement of money or funds and with destroying first class mail.

A square inch of good will for a cent—a Christmas stamp bought for a cent, and sent on your Christmas mail.

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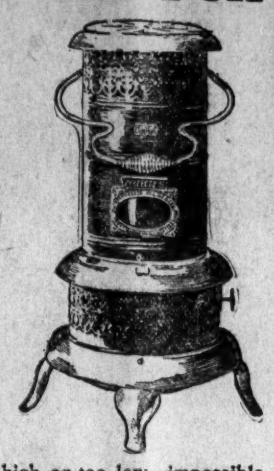

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50 Boxes Stick Candy.
25 Pails Mixed Candy.
25 Pails Crescent Creams.
20 Cases Fancy Candy.
75 Small Cheese.
60 Small Tubs Butter.
75 Half Barrels Mott's Cider.
100 Barrels Medium Sized Mullets.
2,000 Sacks Rice, all grades.
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Dentist.
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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect Thursday, September 30th 1909.

TO BEACH

WEEK DAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 6:50, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 7:10 and 8:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00 4:30 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10 and 8:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Lumina at 7:45, 9:15, and 10:45 A. M., 12:15 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:50 and 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Lumina at 9:45 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:25, 6:50, 7:50 and 9:15 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 6:50, 8:00, 8:30 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 6:20, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M. 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 6:35, 8:00 9:25, 10:25 and 11:25 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:35, 7:00 8:00, 9:25, 10:25 and 11:25 P. M.

CAROLINA PLACE, FRONT AND PRINCESS TO CAROLINA PLACE.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Front and Princess 6:52 A. M., and every 15 minutes thereafter until 10:37 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess 8:22 A. M., and every 15 minutes thereafter until 10:37 P. M.

TO FRONT AND PRINCESS.

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Lv Durham	1:00 a.m.	5:20 p.m.
Lv Lynchburg	2:30 p.m.	2:18 a.m.
Ar Cincinnati	7:30 a.m.	7:20 p.m.
Ar Columbus	6:45 a.m.	7:45 p.m.
Ar Chicago	5:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.
Ar St Louis	7:28 p.m.	8:30 a.m.

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No. 44—12:20 A. M.—From Charlotte and Hamlet.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for all points North at Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis and Charlotte, with No. 84 and No. 92 for Washington and New York and Portsmouth, Norfolk and No. 43 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES VIA SEABOARD.

The Seaboard announces Low Round Trip Christmas and New Year Holiday Rates; tickets will be sold on basis of 80 per cent. of Double Local Fares, December 17th-18th-21st-22nd-23rd-25th-31st, 1909, and January 1st, 1910 with Final return limit January 6th.

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NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48. Daily.	No. 42. Daily
Lv. Wilmington	8:45 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:00 pm	9:55 pm
Ar. Wilson	1:00 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	2:09 am
Ar. Norfolk	8:55 pm	*8:35 am
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	4:05 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	4:40 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	8:00 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:20 am	9:16 am
Ar. W. Philadelphia	3:40 am	11:35 pm
Ar. New York	6:30 am	2:00 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41. Daily.	No. 49. Daily.
Lv. New York	3:25 pm	9:25 pm
Lv. W. Philadelphia	5:44 pm	12:19 am
Lv. Baltimore	8:20 pm	2:46 am
Lv. Washington	10:00 pm	4:20 am
Lv. Norfolk	3:20 pm	8:25 am
Lv. Richmond	1:20 am	8:15 am
Lv. Petersburg	1:55 am	9:13 am
Lv. Weldon	3:40 am	11:35 am
Lv. Rocky Mount	5:05 am	12:50 pm
Lv. Wilson	5:49 am	2:00 pm
Lv. Goldsboro	6:35 am	3:05 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9:30 am	6:10 pm

WEST AND SOUTH.

	51.	53	via Wilson. 42
Lv. Wilmington	6:00 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Florence	9:25 am	7:25 pm	4:01 am
Ar. Columbia	1:00 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar. Augusta	3:00 pm		
Ar. Atlanta	8:20 pm		
Ar. Nashville	6:30 am		
Ar. Memphis	3:30 pm		
Ar. Louisville	1:10 pm		
Ar. Cin'ti	4:35 pm		
Ar. Charleston	1:15 pm	11:20 pm	7:05 am
Ar Savannah	3:55 pm	2:20 am	9:30 am
Ar. Jacksonville	8:15 pm	7:15 am	1:30 pm
Ar. Tampa	7:00 am	7:00 pm	10:25 pm

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NORTHBOUND.

	50 Daily.	54 Daily.
Lv. Tampa	9:00 pm	10:30 am
Lv. Jacksonville	7:30 am	7:45 pm
Lv. Savannah	11:55 am	12:15 am
Lv. Charleston	4:25 pm	5:10 am
Lv. Columbia	4:25 pm	6:00 am
Lv. Augusta	2:45 pm	
Lv. Florence	8:03 pm	9:25 am
Ar. Wilmington	11:30 pm	1:25 pm

WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

Westbound. 53 Daily.		Eastbound. 52 Daily.
8:40 AM	Lv. Wilmington Ar.	8:05 PM
11:45 AM	Ar. Fayetteville Lv.	4:50 PM
12:10 PM	Lv. Fayetteville Ar.	4:45 PM
1:40 PM	Ar. Sanford Lv.	3:30 PM

WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

Northbound. 62	Daily except Sunday.	Southbound. 63
2:25 PM	Lv. Wilmington Ar.	12:50 PM
5:17 PM	A. Jacksonville Lv.	10:55 AM
6:44 PM	Ar. N. & S. Jct. Lv.	9:35 AM
6:50 PM	Ar. Newbern Lv.	9:30 AM

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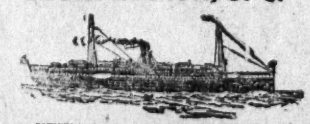

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CHRISTMAS.

"Peace on Earth; Good Will to men," sang the heavenly choir to the shepherds watching their flocks.

"Peace on Earth, to Men of Good Will," says the Vulgate of the same blessed fable of the Christmas tide.

There was an unconscious irony in the phrase, "The Pursuit of Happiness."

It is, indeed, by itself a pursuit and nothing more. Deeper yet than the natural pursuit of happiness lies the desire for Peace.

The point of difference is that Happiness, so called, is never captured; while the desire for Peace finds here and there the radiant exception in its attainment.

How, then, to get Peace! To give it. To will it. To live it. Peace is so close an attribute of the true Charity that the terms are almost one in spirit. Peace "settles" on no one; no one is endowed with Charity. Each grace works from within. Both emerge together.

There is in this apparently hair-splitting distinction a great practical truth about the inner and deeper meaning of Christmas Day. For centuries it has stood for all the better, the more open, the freer impulses of the heart. It has stood, like other festivals, for self gratification, for the bestowal of gifts on those bound up in or close to self. It has been hampered in its truer expression by the very savage tenderness of parent to offspring. We have all of us felt a sort of proprietary right in the gifts of the Christmas season and the Christmas spirit. How much more truly we might live the day did we consider more fully that the spirit is in us, and of us. Some egotist among poets might "celebrate himself" as Christmas, and in his half-truth come nearer the true meaning of the day than many who bask in its effulgence without accepting it.

As with Peace, as with Charity, Christmas is for those who make it for themselves, in their own hearts. "Peace on Earth, to Men of Good Will." Truly their's is the peace most simple of attainment, and which yet withal most truly "passeth understanding."

CORPORATE FOLLY.

The action of the Express Company in Raleigh in "cutting out" its telephone just at the time when its patrons most needed to use it is an example of that short-sighted corporate lack of consideration, to which we have several times referred as being in large measure responsible for the semi occasional injustice through legislation that is imposed upon railroads and public service corporations generally. Every such outbreak, indefensible as it may seem, may be traced back through a long line of discourtesies and inequities on the part of corporations which in their very nature are beholden to the whole people for existence. Substantial and sovereign rights having been granted by the people, they are to be understood, if not excused, if occasionally they reward the utter lack of consideration and mindfulness of these essentials with intemperate action.

In the Raleigh case, the Express Company was "rushed" with Christmas business. So were the people. Hundreds of persons were anxiously expecting packages, or were anxious to know whether packages which they had delivered for shipment had been sent. Under such circumstances they were entirely justified in using the ordinary business convenience of the day in making inquiry. They were not uselessly "pestering" the express company. It was the company's business not only to handle the increased traffic, but to foresee that it would be increased. When, in addition to annoying its patrons by its negligence and delay, it cut itself off from communication with the world, it showed that same spirit of non acknowledgement of a fundamental obligation that has been the cause of most of the trouble between corporations of all classes and the people.

Of course, such troubles have been fostered and made more acute by selfish demagogues. The people feel the abuse and naturally are not over-particular as to the remedy. The demagogue, seeing the abuse, naturally makes the most of it in his own interest. The corporations that then cry out under the lash of the demagogue are to be pitied, perhaps, for the result of their folly, but not absolved from blame in bringing it about. The truth about the demagogue is that he is four-fifths lie and one-fifth truth. But, in order to go into the demagogue business, he has to have some foundation, even if slight, in fact. More than that, the foundation in fact that counts with the corporation is some such trivial matter as this incident at the Raleigh express company, a matter that is under the control of subordinates and which would not, if known, gain an instant's justification at the hands of any officer who counts. Wherefore, for defeasance in the small things, the big things go by the board, and corporations and people alike suffer on the one hand persecution and on the other lack of service for what might have been prevented by a proper set of strict instructions to a clerk.

As to telephones, they are a part of the modern method of doing business. They are essential to every corporation, and to the majority of people. The people, as well as the corporations, have a right to rely upon them as ordinary adjuncts in the despatch of business. No corporation that has the insolence to tell "Central" not to make calls upon it can justify itself on the ground of a rush of business—meaning, as well, a rush of profits—when the solution of the whole matter lies, as everybody knows, in the employment of a five dollar clerk.

VERY MUCH ALIVE.

Mark Twain, whose classic response to an English interviewer, "The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated," still retains its freshness of appreciation after a dozen years, recently returned from Bermuda to meet a report that he was "dying." "The charge is not true," he states. "I would not do such a thing at my time of life. I am behaving as good as I can. Merry Christmas to everybody."

It is entirely trite to say that Mark Twain is not dying, because he is immortal. Nevertheless, we take a pleasure in making this obvious statement and gloating over it. He is our one Cosmopolitan in the true sense, as, in a different way, Tolstoi has worked out the fundamentals of life that affect the world from the restricted detail of the life of the Russian peasant, so Mark Twain has kept pure and sweet within himself that quality of joy mixed with sorrow, of tenderness underlying wit, and of humour superimposed on sympathy that makes him fellow of all the world. No higher tribute could have been wrung from humanity than that which he, working with the peculiar tools of peculiarly American exaggeration, incident and character, has earned in spite of limitations of scene and style that would have made another provincial and futile. With all his delightful foolery, with all his quiet verging upon slang and colloquialism, Mark Twain has still managed to preserve the universal note and to play a symphony on the better and sweeter strings of the human heart. He will not die so long as "Huckleberry Finn," and "Tom Sawyer," and "Col. Mulberry Sellers," and "Aunt Sally," and a host of other vanished but true types remain to be read by a weary and pessimistic world. He will not be forgotten so long as the tribe of conscientious Globe trotters of a day when travel conveniences rob a journey alike of its travail and its insight peruse his idle ramblings through the conglomerate nations in the joyful, yet irritating, restrospect of what they failed to see. In all that Twain writes there is perceptible that masterful composition that is inclusive of the life he portrays: fact, and fancy, wit and wisdom, the laugh at the surface and the tear beneath the laugh, make the procession of a regal mind walking incognito through the streets of life. With no claim to rank or prestige except the works that sprang out of an understanding of the tragedies and the humours inseparable from the humblest life, Mark Twain today, by virtue of a Democracy which is absolute in independence without ever touching the hem of insolence, is crowned world aristocrat, and autocrat. All things are permitted him, and forgiven him, in the universal appreciation of the fact that one who so loves the world can in nature do nothing that the world is no better for experiencing, even if it does not understand. Whimsical, iconoclastic, even intemperate, Mark Twain is the privileged guest, with no limit to his invitation.

Such men die! When the time shall come that the generations shall see him no more in the flesh, his funeral oration will be preached in the laughter and tears of ten million hearts incited by the passing of the strange and privileged character to listen to him spout, in sermon, homily, and narrative, the unfailing waters of a well bedded in the uttermost deeps of human justice struggling, yet loving with that divinity of youth that lightens and makes merry the utmost poverty and oppression.

New York proved its cosmopolitan character by having an exhibition of cow-roping.

The burial of Comer is offset by the resurrection of Vardaman.

The "world loves a humbug"—but only when it humbugs itself.

It seems that Mr. Brokaw just looked like he was drunk. Appearances are deceptive.

We knew we would get Shemwell if once we could sic the News and Observer on his trail.

A puckerless persimmon would be in the class of an odorless onion and non-intoxicating whiskey.

Mr. Brokaw declares that he "never struck anyone in his life." We can well believe that he would never do so, under any provocation.

The possibilities connected with that sparrow hunt in Nicaragua make the launching of the "Utah" Dreadnought a cause for congratulation.

If the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy investigation really means a trial of President Taft, we will all see the finish of Forester Pinchot.

Give every man his due. Whatever his information was or was not, Peary was right. We may not love Peary, but play him fair.

Both Barrill and Loose appear to have been veracious. The country will agree, however, that both of these instances fall under the class of unavoidable truths.

The "make-up man" who yesterday made us suggest comet-hunting as the way to a happy Christmas, may possibly feel that there lies happiness for him. But he ought not to have imposed his views on us.

Dr. Cook's conviction of having lied about Mt. McKinley is a case in which judgment should be suspended. When a man has been convicted of murder it is a useless form to sentence him to the roads for carrying concealed weapons.

Wherein the poet Watson differs in the degree of sanity enjoyed by the majority of poets is in the character of his malady. As a rule, the insanity of the poet is a "gentle madness"; in Watson's case the paranoia took a more violent turn.

The Atlanta Journal declares that freight cars move only twenty-five miles a day. All who have ever ridden on mixed trains, will be ready not only to admit this assertion, but to admit its extravagant estimate of freight-train celerity.

"Uncle Sam", having been checkmated in his fine rage against Zelaya by the latter's resignation, now proposes to take another tack and, as Joe Turner would have it, hit the Nicaraguans "in the belly with a loaf of bread". "Uncle Joe" may spurn a bribe, but "Uncle Samuel" does not appear to be averse to giving one.

The University of Copenhagen will not ask Cook to return his "honors". It does seem that he is entitled to keep all the honor he got out of it; he would be given more honor, however, if he would make a present in the name of Christmas charity of the money he fraudulently collected by lecturing about something he had not done.

The Supreme Court of North Carolina is so busy that it refused to take its customary mid-Winter holiday. Every judge on the bench could earn more off of it than he makes by staying on it. In addition, they are absolutely in control of their own action. How many men in other business, similarly situated, would have failed to enjoy the rest they had only to take?

Perhaps Admiral Schley's loyalty to Cook may be based on recollections of the time when he was single-handedly fighting against the navy cult. He ought to remember, however, that whereas the navy condemned him the public stood by him. In Cook's case, anxious as the public was to give him support, when he was tried by the tribunal that had honored him and found guilty, the public had nothing to do but to sorrowfully desert a false standard.

"Little Tim Sullivan" is dead, and at Christmas. He was execrated by all who honestly desired purer and better politics in New York City. He was, on the other hand, idolized by the great mass of human drift-wood that makes up the "Bowery". Thousands of better men have died and passed away without having received a tithe of the love which "Little Tim" earned. After all, the sentiment that clings in the human breast to a type of Robin Hood is not only subtle, but immortal.

The world will repay Mark Twain's wish of a "Merry Christmas for everybody," with interest. Not the least of those who will do into the dark with the reflection of benefactor left behind them is the quaint and gallant gentleman who, more than any other living man, has shown the infinite power of keeping a tender heart and a fresh humour despite the tribulations and trials which to one not so gifted by the Gods would long since have caused to go under a man who still survives in aid of human happiness.

The Way to Do It.
(News and Observer.)

Good for the Seaboard Air Line and Southern! Yesterday, seeing that their regular train between Hamlet and Portsmouth would be delayed, they ran a special train through from Hamlet to Portsmouth so as to accommodate the large travel and not compel everybody to wait long hours at depots. The Southern Railway yesterday ran two sections of the westbound passenger train from Goldsboro to Greensboro to accommodate the Christmas travelers.

The interviews printed yesterday from Seaboard and Southern Railway officials show that both these systems are trying more than ever before to give the public better accommodations during the Christmas season. And, while there have been delays, they are not nearly so long and so annoying. There has been much improvement as the statements printed show.

The people do not make unreasonable demands. They know that the big express makes it difficult for railroads to maintain schedules, and when the delay does not exceed half an hour they do not criticise, but they have a right to raise a row when, as in some years, Christmas travelers were compelled to wait hours to reach their destination. If the railroads will provide plenty of cars, run their trains as nearly as possible on time, and put on special trains when their trains are unreasonably delayed, the public will meet them half way.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Columbia State must be an heir of somebody who owned slaves befo' de wah!—Greensboro News.

A contemporary complains that our government is drifting toward paternalism. If it becomes dangerous, we can let the women vote, and then paternalism would vanish like mist before the sun, and we'd have maternalism!—Greensboro News.

The New York papers think that Dr. Cook's lectures and articles netted him over $100,000. The Herald paid him $28,000 for his story and it sold rights to publish to many papers. It is believed he received $80,000 from his lectures, St. Louis paying him $14,000 for two lectures. New York is troubled to know how it can withdraw "the freedom of the city" from Dr. Cook.—News and Observer.

A California court has fined a promoter $4,000 for making false representations in a mining prospectus. The sale at auction in this city yesterday of 13,000 miscellaneous mining shares for $50 the lot is a commentary on the character of some prospectuses. But if the old legal maxim regarding buyers is no longer valid, if the courts are to safeguard them against promoters' rhetoric, it is clear that considerable use of the blue pencil will be required in company circulars and financial literature in other quarters.—New York World.

The Journal is never tired of calling attention to the progress that Union county farmers are making, and in that progress it is good to know that many colored farmers are sharing. It knows many colored men who are making progress just like their white neighbors and many of them are buying small tracts of land. Many more of them are working honestly and faithfully to make themselves better farmers and to get a foothold in life. They are reading and studying like their white neighbors. One of them, C. A. Williams, of Jackson township, in paying his subscription to The Journal, says: "I take the Journal and the Progressive Farmer. I can't do without either of them." No farmer, white or colored, who takes these papers is asleep.—Monroe Journal.

Mr. Z. V. Taylor, who, with Mrs Taylor, has been in Europe some time, sends The Record an illustrated postal, on one side of which is a monument said to be very fine. On the reverse side of the car Mr. Taylor writes—"The monument shown on the reverse side is said by critics to be especially fine, but so far as I am concerned I had rather see a copy of The Record than the finest monument in all Europe." "Thar, now", as the late Judge Cloud would say; this is an example of love of home. These "trips abroad" are great, but a man that is a man yearns for home. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor expected to be absent only about six weeks, but they may not get home in time for the holidays. Mr. Taylor is combining business with pleasure.—Greensboro Record.

The Statesville Landmark relates that Eugene Chaffin, who will (not) be remembered as a presidential candidate on the Prohibition ticket last year, walked into the Capitol at Washington the other day and observed a picture labeled Thomas Jefferson. Mr. Chaffin remarked that he had been studying Jefferson all his life and that the picture was a bad counterfeit. Next he saw a picture labeled Patrick Henry and declared it was the picture of Jefferson. The attention of the superintendent of the Capitol building was called to the matter and he was forced to admit that Jefferson's picture was labeled Henry and the picture of Henry bore the name of Jefferson. The Landmark's explanation is simple, but entirely satisfactory. It is that Chaffin, being a cold water man, was sober. The man who labeled the pictures may not have been a practical prohibitionist.— Charlotte Chronicle.

Raleigh, or to be more exact, the State of North Carolina down at Raleigh, does have the worst luck ever. Months ago a man, the first one under the new law, was to be electrocuted, but when the day arrived the instrument of death had not arrived and has not, as far as we can learn, yet arrived. And now another "slip up" leaks out. The baking pans for the large ranges in the new addition to the Central Hospital for the Insane are so large that they will not go in the ranges and these new buildings have been standing idle for three months, while 200 patients cannot be cared for. Strangest of all, the facts have just come to light. It is getting quite time for Governor Kitchin to wake up and see where the responsibility lies for all this carelessness, and when he does take a hand there will surely be something doing. By the way, the negro whose electrocution has been postponed three times, deserves a commutation to life imprisonment. He has been killed three times in effect and three tips are supposed to be out.—Greensboro Record.

The address of Mr. Taft to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress is said to have stirred up much enthusiasm. If so, there must be an undercurrent of opinion in the Congress adverse to its above-the-surface declarations. The Congress favors a $500,000,000 bond issue, at $50,000,000 a year, for waterways, and its war cry is "Get the Money!" and that, it is said, will assure the making of the improvement. President Taft comes now and says quite the opposite, namely, Name your political project and we will see if we can pay for it out of the treasury; in a pinch we may issue some bonds—and the convention frequently interrupts him with applause and sends him away amid renewed cheering. The President as much as said that Congress is not going to authorize a $500,000,000 bond issue, and the convention cheered him! May it not be asked whether the convention has any convictions?—Charlotte Observer.

It has been reported that President Taft has expressed an intention to appoint negroes to office only in the Northern States. According to the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Record, this "has caused a distinct shock to Northern politicians, while those from the South are laughing among themselves." With the Charleston News and Courier, we doubt the accuracy of this statement. That paper wisely observes: "We believe that this is a white man's country, up North as well as down South, and while there would be a cheap sort of satisfaction in transferring the colored officeholders to the Northern States there is no good reason that we can see why the North should be punished just because the South has been punished. We agree with Abraham Lincoln that two diverse races cannot live on the same soil upon terms of political equality." These are worthy sentiments, but after all, we are inclined to believe that it is going to turn out that Mr. Taft said no such thing.—Charlotte Chronicle.

The repeal of the lien law which has been operative in South Carolina, goes into effect on January 1. The effect of this repeal on the farming interests of that State, will be watched with interest. With this law repealed, the farmer cannot give a lien or mortgage on his crop which does not exist. The merchant cannot take liens on crops to be planted or on growing crops. Until the crops are gathered and in actual possession of the farmer, he cannot give a mortgage on them. The Spartanburg Journal thinks the State will prosper under the new conditions. It thinks it will have the effect of making the people who have depended on liens more anxious to work the year round. Heretofore, many of that class would give about eight months to making and gathering their crops and they would do little the other four months. Now they will see the necessity of putting in all their time. During January and February, when the weather is not suitable for farm work, they will hire to neighbors in order that they may have a little money to keep them going. On the whole, The Journal thinks the repeal of the lien law will make better tenants and laborers and it will bring the landlords up to building better houses for tenants. There will be a general improvement on farms, and after the first year no one will want the lien law restored.—Charlotte Chronicle.

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Rumored That Popular Pastor of the Christian Church Will Go to Another Field March 1st—Has Done Great Work.

It was rumored yesterday morning, not without some foundation, that Judge J. A. Erwin, the able and popular pastor of the Christian Church, had tendered his resignation, public announcement of which the report had it, would be made by him Sunday morning, and that he would remove March 1st to another field of labor. When called up over the telephone yesterday afternoon Judge Erwin would not state positively what his intentions were, and would not confirm or deny the authenticity of the rumor.

This announcement will be received with deep regret by hundreds in Wilmington regardless of denomination, for Judge Erwin is not only beloved and esteemed by the members of his own congregation but by all with whom he has formed an acquaintance since coming here two years ago. He is a preacher of great power and eloquence, a deep thinker and resourceful. The achievements of the church under his pastorate gives ample evidence of his ability as a minister and an organizer.

When Judge Erwin accepted the pastorate of the church two years ago the congregation worshipped in an unattractive building on corner of Seventh and Orange streets. He began a movement for a new and more commodious edifice on a different site. The members of the congregation and others rallied to his support and last Summer a year ago the present handsome and commodious edifice on Dock between Third and Fourth streets, was formally dedicated to the worship of God. The lot was purchased and the building erected at a considerable cost. Under his pastorate the membership also has greatly increased.

It is understood that Judge Erwin expects to leave Wilmington about the first of January for the State of Iowa, where he will conduct a great revival meeting, returning here about February 1st.

CHRISTMAS AT THE JAIL.

Prisoners, Fifteen All Told, Will Enjoy a Turkey Dinner Today.

The county jail is not usually associated with feasting and gladness and the inhabitants thereof are not given to imaginings of what the glorious yuletide will bring to them, but this year unfortunates caught behind the bars in New Hanover will have a ray of sunshine cast into their dungeons in the provision of an elegant turkey dinner prepared by Jailor John M. Branch, under instructions from Sheriff S. P. Cowan, who is nothing if not considerate and humane. The turkeys were put to roast yesterday afternoon and the shut-ins will today regale themselves with the "fat of the land." There are 15 prisoners all told in the jail and the lay-out prepared for them today will be a satisfying reminder that after all there is something in the Divine admonition, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to All Men." Ample provision has also been made for the inmates of the county home and the convicts in the stockade near the city.

HOURS AT POSTOFFICE.

Usual Holiday Observance Today—Registered Mail by Automobile.

The usual holiday hours will be observed at the postoffice today and the overworked employes of this branch of the public service will have in a measure some respite from the terrible gruelling which they have undergone for the past week or ten days. The carriers will as usual on holidays make one delivery and collection of mail. However, special provision will be made for delivery of registered letters and packages by automobile. Holders of postoffice boxes, however, may obtain registered packages and letters from the Registry Department at the postoffice which will be open from 10 A. M. to 11 A. M. The stamp window will be open from 8 to 9 A. M. and the general delivery from 9 to 11 A. M. The public is asked to cooperate in every way possible with the dispatch of business on this occasion.

CLOSING EXERCISES YESTERDAY.

Enjoyed Visit From Real Santa Claus —Miss Alderman's School.

Very appropriate and altogether enjoyable closing exercises were held yesterday morning at Miss Mamie Alderman's Select School, which has just rounded out a most successful Fall term. The exercises began at 10 o'clock and the sixty-odd young people were greeted by a real Old Kris Kringle cleverly impersonated by Mr. W. P. Monroe, of the Fire Department. After making a short talk to the pupils Old Santa distributed gifts to the young people and in turn was delightfully entertained by the pupils in an appropriate programme of songs, recitations, etc. A number of friends and parents of the young people were present to enjoy the observance. Both the classical and business departments will resume work on Monday, January 3rd.

CATHERINE KENNEDY HOME.

Awarded Handsome Silver Tea Set Given Away at Baxter's.

Last night at the close of the very interesting coupon contest that has been in progress at Baxter's cigar store for the past two or three weeks, the handsome silver tea set offered as one of the prizes was awarded to the Catherine Kennedy Home with 14,888 votes as the favorite institution, the Odd Fellows' Orphans Home at Goldsboro being second highest with 6,981 votes. The count began at 8 o'clock and was completed at 9:30 by a committee of disinterester judges. The tea set will be carried to the Home and presented to the proper authorities this morning.

Will Consult Specialist.

Mr. Sam Ballinger, a popular young Wilmingtonian, now of Savannah, who was recently injured in an accident in the Georgia City, is here to spend the holidays. Before returning to his work in Savannah, Mr. Ballinger will go to Baltimore to consult a specialist with reference to final recovery from his injuries.

GAVE WAY UNDER STRAIN

Section of Attic Flooring of Hall & Pearsall Building Fell In, Precipitating Portion of Stock to Ground Floor.

A section of the attic flooring of the large three-story building of Hall & Pearsall, Inc., wholesale grocers, 623-625 Nutt street, on which was stored a quantity of jute bagging, gave way under the heavy strain on the supporting trusses Thursday evening about 7:30 o'clock, precipitating a portion of the attic and second floors to the ground floor, causing an estimated damage of $2,000 to the building and $500 to the stock. Fortunately the collapse came an hour or more after the closing hour, otherwise there would probably have been a loss of life.

The crash was heard for some distance but the fact that the building had given away was not generally known until yesterday morning. There was no one around the building except the watchman and he escaped injury.

The work of removing the debris was commenced yesterday morning and the re-construction of the building will be begun some time the first of the week, under the supervision of Architect H. E. Bonitz, who was not, however, the architect of the building. Mr. Joe Schad has been awarded the contract for the work.

The accident has not interfered with the extensive business of the firm Large orders were taken as usual yesterday and will be ready for delivery Monday morning, when business generally will be resumed in the city.

For fear that a wrong impression as to the magnitude of the accident might be circulated, Hall & Pearsall, Inc., yesterday sent a letter to their customers, reading, in part, as follows:

"To Our Friends:—To guard against any incorrect reports that may get abroad as to the accident to our building, we write this letter to say that in preparation for the new year's trade we had laid in very heavy stock, and, it appears, overloaded the third floor of our building. A section of this floor gave way about 7 o'clock on the evening of the 23rd, and carried with it a similar section of the second floor to the first.

"It is very fortunate, however, that the bulk of the goods on these floors was of a character not to suffer damage, on the third floor being only jute bagging and on the second floor green coffee in bags and some case goods.

"There will necessarily be a little delay in re-arranging the stock, but the principal damage is to the building, which belongs to our Mr. B. F. Hall.

"Our friends of the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line have very generously offered us every facility for extra storage, and as we are now using our office in one end of the building which is not involved in the damage, there will be little or no delay in filling orders."

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcement by Wilmington Pastors For Services Tomorrow.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor. Sabbath services 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath School at 3:30 P. M. W. C. E. Society at 7:00 P. M. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public cordially invited.

First Baptist church, Fifth and Market streets, Rev. J. H. Foster, D. D., pastor: Preaching tomorrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 P. M. B. Y. P. U. Friday 8 P. M. Seats free; public cordially invited.

Salvation Army—Hall over the office of the Tidewater Power Company—Sunday School at 11 A. M.; Salvation service at 8 P. M. All are welcome. Ensign and Mrs. Williams, officers in charge.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Crowley. Sunday School at 3 P. M.

Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., expects to preach in East Wilmington tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Advent Christian church of Wilmington, Fourth and Church streets, Rev. C. H. Sweet. Preaching at 11 A. M., subject, "Some Reasons For My Interest in Missions." Sunday school at 3 P. M. Lecture at 7:45 P. M. by Mrs. Sarah R. Taylor of Friendship, Me., subject, "Mission Work in India." The Bright Jewels meet Monday at 3:30 P. M. The Willing Workers meet Wednesday at 3:30 P. M. Weekly prayer meeting at 7:45 P. M. All welcome.

First Presbyterian church, corner of Third and Orange streets, Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor. Divine services tomorrow (Sunday) at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday school at 4 P. M. Christian Endeavor at 7:30 P. M. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. A cordial welcome to all.

Christian Church—Preaching morning and evening Sunday by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Erwin.

BERT KITE SIGNED UP.

Now the Full Fledged Player-Manager of the Wilmington Team.

Mr. Bert Kite, the popular baseball player of the Sailor crew, yesterday signed up with the management of the Wilmington Club of the Eastern Carolina League as player-manager for the coming season. Announcement was made some time ago of Mr. Kite's selection for the place, but the contract was not signed until yesterday. Mr. Kite stated last night that he had already signed a number of good players and that he would leave about the first of the year for a trip through the North in search of other strong men. He says that he expects to pick out a pennant-winning team and those who know him believe that he will do it.

UNION CHRISTMAS TREE.

Interesting Exercises on the Castle Haynes Road Thursday Night.

Christmas tree exercises were held at the Union school on the Castle Haynes road Thursday night. The school house was crowded and the exercises were of a most interesting nature. The children acquitted themselves with marked credit, reflecting the careful work of the instructors. The whole affair was a great credit to the committee in charge and especially Mrs. W. A. Lineker. The tree was laden with toys, fruits, nuts, etc., and there was something for everybody.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"

That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the world over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

Cars to the Beach.

Today cars to the beach every half hour in the afternoon. **

GLAD SEASON HAS ARRIVED

Usual Festivities Will be Observed in Wilmington—Prosperous and Contented People—Shoppers—Church Services.

Another turn of the cycle of time brings everybody once more to the most gladsome season of the year—Christmas—when there is abundant evidence on every hand of "Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men", and all Wilmington will join in a fitting celebration of the joyous period in the customary manner, no special events having been scheduled. Like all other holidays a majority of the business people will take advantage of today and spend it in much needed rest and recreation, after attending the usual services at their respective churches.

The predominating thought of Wilmington people at this season seems to be make some one happy with a word of cheer or some token of deep and lasting friendship. The true Wilmington Christmas spirit will mark the observance of the festival week in this city. It is regarded here as a season for the expression of the friendship and love one has for the other. And in their rejoicing the better-to-do never forget those less fortunate than themselves, as those not so well blessed with this world's goods are given most substantial reminders of the festival occasion. It is believed that the Salvation Army, various fraternal orders and charitable organizations and individuals, whose contributions have been most liberal, have provided each and every indigent family in the city with some evidence of the brotherhood of man. Special efforts have been made this year to reach and give to every deserving poor person some manifestation of the spirit which always prevails here.

The season is always made the occasion of home-coming of the sons and daughters off at school or who have gone to other climes to seek their fortunes, and others take advantage of the holidays to visit friends at a distance. There are numerous visitors here and many Wilmingtonians have gone to other points to spend the period. There will be gathered around many a hearth in Wilmington today an unbroken family circle, while in many homes there will be sadness, a feeling of void, owing to the loss during the year of some one near and dear. Wilmington has suffered greatly in this respect, some of its oldest and most prominent citizens, have answered the last roll call within the past few months as well as many younger and promising ones. Some of the dear friends who started with the mass at the beginning of the year now drawing to a rapid close, have joined forces with that great multitude, "whom no one can number". But those who have been spared, barring the grief over the loss of friends or loved ones, are happy, contented and prosperous and this will be numbered among the most joyous of the Christmas seasons they have spent. The people here upon the whole have been prosperous during the year and have cause to hope for the future. So each individual in this city can and will find some excuse for being happy and will joyously spend the sacred period.

Much Shopping Yesterday.

Notwithstanding the fact that the holiday trade began rather early this year the streets were literally thronged with merry shoppers yesterday, especially in the afternoon and evening when the streets were fairly alive with surging humanity. There were those who had made but few purchases prior to yesterday, while there were many others who happened to think at the eleventh hour of some loved one or friend who had not been remembered in their former visits to the down-town district. So the salespeople in practically all of the stores were rushed from early until late, and it is doubtful if any were gladder than they when the last sale of the day was made. The merchants say that the trade this year has been unusually good and they have no cause to complain.

The greens venders were more active yesterday than on any day this week. Many of those who had found it hard to make their selections of suitable presents and waited until the eleventh hour to decide had neglected the task of selecting the Christmas tree and other greens for decorative purposes. Many wagons from the country were seen wending their way to the city yesterday laden with holly, cedar and mistletoe and the greens found ready sale.

There has been a flood of holiday mail at the Wilmington postoffice and the Southern Express Company has been "swamped". At the postoffice every mail box has been filled with packages, letters and postcards and the officials have been working under great tension in superintending the delivery. The mails began to grow heavier several days ago and the large force has had all it could do The mail carriers have been hard worked, too, as all the mail, including many packages, had to be carried on their shoulders. Each time a delivery was made the pouch had to be taken down and an almost endless search made for the mail of a particular person. The flood will not cease for several days yet. The Southern Express Company has handled countless packages, both outgoing and incoming. The five delivery wagons of the company and several extras have been going from early until late, but it was impossible to keep right up with the arrivals. In the express shipments are large quantities of whiskey from Virginia and Florida points, most of it coming from Jacksonville, Fla. For days the mails have been heavy with whiskey orders from this city.

The streets last night presented a most animated scene. As usual the small boy, and some larger ones as well, were out from the time the sun disappeared behind the western horizon until late last night, blowing horns, tinkling bells, rattling tin pans, popping firecrackers and throwing torpedoes, and using every other thing at hand to make a noise.

Services in the Churches.

The religious significance of the day will be reeflcted in beautiful and impressive services in many of the Wilmington churches. In a number of the houses of worship there will be special music and special sermons appropriate to the day. The following announcements have been made of services for today and tomorrow:

Services at St. James.

The services at St. James' Church on Christmas Day will be as follows: Morning prayer and sermon at 11 A. M., Holy Communion at 12. The notice of the Holy Communion at 7:30 has been withdrawn, and those who desire to receive the Communion will remain until after the first service. As is usual the Holy Communion will be celebrated immediately after the other service.

The usual Christmas music will be sung at the morning service, and the general public is cordially invited to unite with the congregation in the observance of Christmas.

Sunday morning prayer and sermon at 11 A. M.; Children's celebration at 4:30 P. M. Evensong and sermon at 8 P. M. Bishop Strange will preach at the night service, and it is hoped that a large congregation both of the members of St. James and friends in the city will be out to hear him.

Christmas Services at St. John's.

At St. John's Episcopal Church, Third and Red Cross streets, there will be special services on Christmas Day as follows: Holy Communion, 8 A. M. Services with special music and sermon 11 A. M. A hearty welcome is extended to all who will come and share in this commemoration of the birth of the Savior of the world.

At St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Christmas services will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church this morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by the rector, Rev. A. W. Seabrease. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Christmas will be observed in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in three services, the first one being held this morning at 11 o'clock. Today's service will be an English Christmas Day service with a sermon and music appropriate to the day. Tomorrow morning there will be a German Christmas service at 11 o'clock with sermon appropriate to the second Christmas Day and Christmas music. Tomorrow night at 7 o'clock the children of the Sunday School will have their Christmas service in the church. The full vesper service will be used, together with a special programme of Christmas music, rendered by the Sunday School and recitations by several of its members. A large Christmas tree, procured in the North, has been set up and decorated, light being supplied by 60 two-candle power electric bulbs. The decorating committee of the congregation has added to the beauty of the chancel by tasteful decorations. Christmas at St. Paul's will be a festival of great joy. While the service on Sunday night is for the children of the congregation, nevertheless the congregation and the friends of the congregation are invited to participate in the service. Owing to the large audience usually present at this occasion it was decided to have the children's service in the church building.

RECORDER SHOWS MERCY.

Was Lenient With Defendants in His Court Yesterday.

The true Christmas spirit abided in the breast of the Recorder yesterday morning and he dished out mercy with justice. The several defendants rejoiced that the Recorder was disposed to be lenient and permitted them to go with light punishment. There were several drunks, white and colored, and instead of the usual fine of $5 and costs, the Recorder let each off with the costs. Ed. Anderson, colored, charged with reckless driving, resulting in the overturning of Mr. Duncan McEachern's buggy and painfully injuring him, was given a hearing. Owing to his tender age the Recorder suspended judgment upon condition that Dr. Avant, colored, for whom the lad works, give him a sound thrashing at the City Hall in the presence of an officer. The doctor's side of the bargain is said to have been carried out in an eminently satisfactory manner.

Eugene Harriss, a white man, charged with selling whiskey to Patrolman D. M. Saunders, and for whom a warrant was issued in June, surrendered to the Recorder yesterday morning and was given a hearing. He was fined $50 and costs.

There will be no session of court today unless there happens to be cases on the docket which should be disposed of without delay.

WILMINGTON AND ITS FUTURE.

Kindly Mention by Manufacturers' Record of Recent Edition.

The Baltimore Manufacturers' Record of this week says:

"In its waterway supplement, recently issued, the Star of Wilmington, N. C., presents an exhaustive article regarding Wilmington and its future. Reviewing its wonderful growth and resources and declaring its destiny with that of the State for commercial greatness, linked with a 30-foot channel to the sea. Among other important features of the edition is a reproduction of an address on 'Deep Waterways for the South,' recently delivered by Iredell Meares before the North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association, together with other interesting data."

Coast Line of Connecticut.

Private advices from Baltimore yesterday were to the effect that the Atlantic Coast Line of Connecticut would issue a stock dividend of 40 per cent. of the present holdings at par, the distribution at the present value of the stock, $350 per share, being worth something like $250 per share to all holders of record. An inquiry of the Associated Press last night elicited the information that nothing was known of the report of a 40 per cent. stock dividend; that there was probably some confusion with the fact that the stockholders will be asked to authorize an increase of the capital stock by 40 per cent. to be sold to stockholders at par.

Sheriff Remembered Officers.

Mr. S. P. Cowan, the popular sheriff of New Hanover county, remembered his friends of the police department yesterday by sending to the hall several boxes of cigars. He also sent cigars to most of the magistrates of the city and deputy sheriffs. The members of the police department desire to return their hearty thanks to the popular sheriff through the columns of The Star.

WE WISH
EVERYBODY
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Platt & Haar
THE LITTLE? STORE

Closing Out at Cost!

We are anxious to sell every piece of our strictly holiday goods before Christmas, therefore have marked at actual cost our entire stock of Dolls, Doll Carriages, Toy Tea Sets, Japanese Lanterns, Vases---some beautiful ones in Japanese---Chocolate Sets, Berry Sets, Wine Sets, Game Sets, Water Sets. Our line of Rockers, Morris Chairs, Rugs, Pictures, Dinner Sets in French and German china, Parlor and Library Tables, China Cabinets, Couches and Parlor Suits is positively the largest in the city. We invite comparison to prove this, and we will sell them today (Friday) at prices that cannot be met.

We still have some 19c Window Shades, Axminster Rugs, 36x72, (Alex Smith & Sons' make) at $2.98.

THE WILMINGTON FURNITURE COMPANY

Carroll Building, Second and Princess Streets.

WERE MARRIED LAST NIGHT.

Miss Mary Francis Weaver the Bride of Mr. Jesse Riggins.

Last night at the home of a brother of the bride, Mr. Bishop Weaver, 1019 South Fourth street, Miss Mary Frances Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Weaver, of Delgado, and Mr. Jesse Riggins, also of Delgado, were united in marriage, the impressive ceremony being performed by Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church in the presence of quite an assemblage of friends and relatives. Standing up with the couple when the marriage vows were taken were Mr. I. T. Weaver and Mrs. M. Y. Johnson, Mr. J. M. Creech, of Whiteville, and Mrs. Nettie Smith, of Delgado. Mr. and Mrs. Riggins are popular with a large circle of friends who extend best wishes. The bride is a sister of Miss Elizabeth Weaver, whose heroic act in allowing an operation to be performed upon her arm to transfuse fresh blood into the system of Mr. J. E. Heath, of Waxhaw, in a last attempt to save his life, won for her words of the highest praise from the press of this and other States.

Cars to the Beach.

Today cars to the beach every half hour in the afternoon. **

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, etc

A CHRISTMAS GREETING.

There are lives that light our path way
With the pure, sweet torch of love;
There are those who point us Heaven ward,
To the God who reigns above.

There are lives we meet that touch us,
Leaving many a scar and stain;
There is many a hope that's blasted,
By the weariness of pain.

There are friends whose touch is healing,
When to mourning homes they go,
And they comfort hearts in sorrow,
Breaking with their pain and woe.

There are those we meet in passing,
Whose hearts we fain would win,
Stained souls whose lives are blackened,
By every vice and sin.

There are friends whose touch is scented,
With perfume of Golden deed,
Felling those who are a hungering,
On the Bread of Life to feed.

Now when Christmas day is dawning,
At this most gladsome time,
To those whose hearts are pure and tender,
We dedicate this rhyme.
—Sophie Crowley, Wilmington, N. C.

Graham Kenan, Esq., returned yesterday from a trip of a few days to Atlanta, Ga.

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Miss Eloise Jackson has gone to Richmond, Va., to spend Christmas with friends.

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Mrs. E. C. McEachern will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pickard, at Chapel Hill.

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Mr. V. E. Smith returned yesterday from Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., and is spending the holidays in the city with his parents.

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Dr. R. C. Bunting, of Baltimore, Md., arrived yesterday morning to spend the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Bunting, on Market street.

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Miss Arra Perry, a student of Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., has arrived to spend the holidays with home folks.

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Mr. Norwood Giles is at home from Knoxville, Tenn., where he has been spending the past several months and will be here for the holidays.

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Mr. Preston Cumming, Jr., of New York, arived last evening and will spend the holidays with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. Preston Cumming.

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Mrs. Louis E. Hall left Thursday afternoon for Red Springs, N. C., to spend the holidays with relatives. Mr. Hall accompanied her as far as Maxton.

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Miss Isabelle Clark, of Tarboro, is expected to arrive next Tuesday and will be a guest of her sister, Mrs. Marsden Bellamy, on North Seventh street.

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Mrs. W. T. Galliard, of Connelly Springs, arrived yesterday and will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. T. J. Presson, No. 411 North Fourth street.

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Mrs. Isabelle St. Amand leaves this afternoon for Charleston, S. C., to spend the holidays with her brother, Hon. Ashley Cowan Todias.

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Mrs. R. L. Gray and children left yesterday morning for Raleigh to spend the Christmas holidays at their former home. Mr. Gray left last evening to join them for the yuletide.

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Mr. Baxter F. Ozment, assistant foreman of the mechanical department of The Morning Star, leaves this morning on the early train for Charlotte to spend the holidays with his parents.

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Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of the University of North Carolina, arrived yesterday to spend the holidays with friends and relatives in Wilmington. He was accompanied by Miss Alice Noble and Master M. C. S. Noble, Jr.

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Misses Grace Pickard and Margaret Garvey will leave today for Rocky Mount where they will visit Misses Florence Catlette and Annie Sharp, spending the holidays as their guests.

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Mr. Wm. G. James arrived yesterday from New York and is spending the holidays with his parents, Col. and Mrs. T. C. James, at Carolina Heights.

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Miss Custis Meredith returned home last evening from the State Normal College, at Greensboro, to which institution she will return after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Meredith.

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The many friends of Miss Bessie Wiswell, of Brookline, Mass., will be much gratified to know that she is again a visitor to Wilmington, being a guest of Miss Margaret Gibson, No. 111 South Third street.

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The children of the Fourth Street Christian Church will have their annual Christmas exercises this evening at 8 o'clock, following which the adult members of the school will be hosts of the children. All friends are invited.

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A marriage in which a wide circle of friends is interested will be performed at 1 o'clock this afternoon, when Miss Lillie King, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. King, will become the bride of Mr. Logan Ward, of Portsmouth, Va. The ceremony will be performed at the home of the bride.

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A large german for the children will take place tonight at Kneisel's Academy of Dancing and a very large crowd is expected. Any child not in the regular class may attend by paying a small admission. Mrs. Allan Nichols, Mrs. C. E. Taylor and Mrs. Herbert Smith will be the chaperones. Favors will be given and the affair promises to be one of the most delightful of the holiday season.

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A marriage of much interest to many friends will be celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hewlett, 520 South Fifth street, at 8:30 o'clock tonight, when Miss Azile Hewlett will become the bride of Mr. Harry T. Cooley. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. K. D. Holmes, pastor of Fifth Street Methodist Church, and will be witnessed by a number of the friends and relatives of the couple.

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Mr. S. R. Freeborn, of Telford, Tenn., left Wilmington yesterday afternoon for Jacksonville, N. C., near which place last evening there was a double wedding in which he was one of the happy grooms. Mr. Freeborn was married to Miss Virginia Taylor, a popular young lady of fifteen, while her sister was united in marriage with a Mr. Hinson, of Onslow. Mr. Freeborn is in Wilmington with Mr. S. H. Dew, manager of the Wrought Iron Range Co., of St. Louis, and is one of several young men who will be here several months on business for the company.

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The Young Men's Christian Association will hold its annual New Year's reception in the parlors of the building Saturday, January 1st, and a committee is now at work on a programme of exercises, which will include vocal selections by talented local singers and short talks on the association work. Open house will be held New Year's Day, the reception beginning in the afternoon, though the formal exercises will not take place until evening. These receptions are always of great interest and looked forward to with happy anticipation from one year to another. A most cordial invitation is extended to the people of Wilmington to visit the building during the afternoon and evening.

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Last night at 8:30 o'clock at the parsonage of Fifth Street M. E church, No. 415 South Fifth street, a quiet but very impressive wedding ceremony united in marriage Miss Margie Justice, an attractive young lady of this city, and Mr. Herbert J. McCartney. The bride was attended as maid of honor by Miss Martha Branch and the groom had as his best man, Mr. C. Wright Davis. Rev. Kenneth D. Holmes officiated at the marriage, which was witnessed by only a few very intimate friends of the bride and groom. Immediately after the ceremony, the young people repaired to the home of the groom's father, Mr. John C. McCartney, where a very pleasant reception was given the young people.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—C. Ed Taylor, Esq., of Southport, spent yesterday in the city on a business trip.

—Mr. George Lucas, Jr., went up to his home at Currie yesterday to spend the holidays.

—Mr. Edwin M. Dewey went up to Goldsboro last night to spend the holidays at home.

—Mr. S. A. Barber is over from Bolton to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

—Mr. Ernest Grant left last night for Raleigh to spend the holidays with his friend, Mr. Rolla Miles.

—Mr. W. W. Banks has returned from Mount Hope, Baltimore, where he has been several months for his health. His many friends will be delighted to know that he is much improved and is in fine spirits.

—Many friends of Mr. Duncan McEachern were glad to see him out again yesterday after being confined to his home for a day on account of injuries received when his buggy was run into by another vehicle Thursday morning.

—Irvin B. Tucker, Esq., of Whiteville, census supervisor for the Sixth Congressional district, was here yesterday, returning from a visit to Southport, where he spent a few days on business connected with the taking of the census of Brunswick county. He stated that he would shortly divide this city into districts so as to facilitate the work when it is begun.

TEAM STOLEN, BUT RECOVERED.

Capt. H. C. Twining's Horse and Buggy Borrowed for Few Hours.

Capt. H. C. Twining, a popular Atlantic Coast Line conductor, who lives at 515 North Fourth street, was minus a horse and buggy for several hours last night. Capt. Twining was out driving and returned home at 6:30 o'clock, leaving his horse hitched in front of his residence while he went to supper. When he returned a short time later the team was gone. The police were notified and a search immediately instituted. Capt. Twining, Mr. Furney Gooding and members of the police force searched the city thoroughly and at 10:30 o'clock Mr. Gooding found the team at corner of Second and Market streets, the horse tied to a hitching post. From appearances the animal had been driven considerably. At 8 o'clock Capt. Twining received a message to the effect that two negroes passed corner of Seventh and Red Cross streets driving his horse. It is believed that the negroes just stole the team for a few hours' ride around the city. When they left the team they took with them Capt. Twining's laprobe, which was practically new.

Young White Man Wounded.

Shortly after midnight this morning Ed Parker, a young white man, was sent to the hospital from Sixth and Castle streets, where it was found by Officers M. C. Gray and F. R. Chadwick that he had been struck in the head with a fence paling by some unknown person. No particulars of the fight could be learned. It is not thought that the injuries of Parker are fatal.

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The Theatre

Theatrically the big attraction for Christmas will be the Crystal Palace and there a superb vaudeville programme will be presented both afternoon and night, and the bill will be made especially merry and festive on account of the Christmas time. In addition to big vaudeville, the Palace today is to spring something truly in keeping with Christmas day. At the matinee performance this afternoon, which will commence at 3:30 o'clock, with the usual small admission, 10 cents, prevailing, a big Christmas tree will be given the youngsters. The tree will be a most glittering brilliant spectacle and will certainly delight the youngsters beyond measure. The big tree will occupy the center of the stage and will be loaded down, too, with toys and Santa Claus will himself appear and present the children with toys . There will be a toy for every child and the affair is going to be a big and merry success. At the performance tonight another big turkey will be given away.

Coming of the Pickerts.

Monday night the popular and well known Four Pickerts and their big company will open a week's engagement at the Academy of Music, save for Thursday night. The return of this company to Wilmington will, no doubt, be royally greeted and big holiday business will in all probability result. The opening bill, for Monday night, will be the great modern comedy success, "Hello Bill," and in connection with the play will be given a big vaudeville programme. The Pickerts, who are among the cleverest of vaudevillians, will, of course, be the stars of the specialty part of the programme and dainty, charming Blanche Pickert will be a popular topliner. Throughout the remainder of the engagement the company will be seen in only the latest successes and will change the vaudeville bill nightly. Seats for Monday night's performance are now on sale at the Crystal Palace and the usual free courtesy is extended the ladies, providing tickets are reserved by 6 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Biggest Minstrel Show of All.

Headed by the famed "Honey Boy" Evans the great Cohan and Harris Minstrels will play Wilmington Thursday night of next week, and this city will be one of the very few played in the entire South. The company, almost one hundred strong, will come to Wilmington direct from Columbia S. C., and will arrive in ample time to get the magnificent stage settings carried by the organization in place. The Cohan and Harriss show is a real minstrel one, and without doubt it is the most expensive organization of its class, in the country. It is really a revelation in the minstrel world and Wilmington theatre-goers may expect to witness the most wonderful production of minstrelsy they have ever seen. Already indications are for a jammed house, as great interest centers around the event. The sale of seats will commence at the Crystal Palace next Wednesday morning.

At The Bijou.

The Bijou will offer three big features in moving pictures today and the afternoon and evening will be made merry by the distribution of fruits and confectioneries to hundreds of little folks who visit the theatre, whether they secure admission to the show or not. The feature films will be "The Death Disc," a story of the Cromwellian period, and "Pierrot, the Fuddler" and "Jane is Unwilling to Work," the latter being a comedy film that will keep the house in an uproar of laughter.

BASEBALL CONTEST TODAY.

Fort Caswell Team Couldn't Come, But There'll be a Game Anyway.

The Fort Caswell baseball team found it impossible to leave the fort to come to Wilmington to participate in a game with a local team, but there will be a contest at League Park at the appointed hour anyway. The game will be between the professional players who are spending Christmas here supplemented by a few locals against a team composed of local college players who are home to spend the holidays. All are good players and a most interesting and exciting contest is assured all who attend. The game will be called promptly at 11 o'clock and will be finished in time for the fans to return to the city for their Christmas dinners. The Tidewater Power Company will provide ample car service to and from the grounds.

A number of professional and college players were on the diamond practicing yesterday afternoon and they say the ground is in fine shape. The weather was warm enough for baseball between 11 and 1 o'clock yesterday and the players say that if today will only be as pleasant as yesterday they can give a splendid game.

The following is part of the line-up of the professional team: Rath, of the Philadelphia Americans, short stop; Grainger, centerfield; Doak, of Goldsboro Club, left field; Kite, Wilmington Club's player manager, catcher; Fox, of the Smithfield, Va., team, 1st base; Bussey, of Goldsboro team, pitch. The remainder of the team will be composed of well known local players.

Terry will be captain of the college team and the other players will be selected from the following: King, Johnson, Green, Brindley, Houston, Emerson, Schulken, Newkirk, Bergen, W. L. King, Calder and Grant.

An admission of 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children will be charged. It is expected that a large crowd will witness the contest.

Steamer Tied Up.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: "There was 2.3 feet of water in the Cape Fear this morning. The City of Fayetteville was unable to clear for Wilmington last evening, on account of the low water. Capt. LeRoy Smith, will go to Wilmington by train this afternoon to spend Christmas."

Cars to the Beach.

Today cars to the beach every half hour in the afternoon. **

STRUCK BY DELIVERY WAGON

Aged Negress Seriously, Perhaps Fatally, Injured at Second and Orange Streets—Girl Hit by Train at Hilton.

Clara Beckus, colored, about 75 years old, a servant in the home of Mr. Hugh MacRae, was run down by a delivery wagon at northeast corner of Second and Orange streets at 6:40 o'clock last night and received injuries from which she may die, owing to her advanced age. The driver of the wagon, whose name the police have not yet been able to learn, did not stop to see how bad the woman was hurt but whipped his animal ahead at greater speed.

The woman was picked up by two persons who saw the accident. The ambulance was called and the negress taken to the James Walker Memorial Hospital, where she was given attention by Dr. Ralph B. Seem, who stated that her injuries consisted of the fracture of the 7th, 8th and 9th ribs on the left side, bruises on face and body and a blood tumor on the back of the head, the latter due to a lick, but the extent of the wound could not be determined early last night on account of the flow of blood. The negress is in an extremely serious condition and owing to her age the physicians entertain little hope for her recovery.

The police are making an effort to ascertain the name of the driver of the wagon.

Hit by Train.

Eliza Bell, colored, 16 years old, was struck by a train at Hilton about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and painfully, though not seriously, injured. She was taken to the hospital and given the necessary attention. It was stated at the hospital last night that her injuries consisted of a bruised and lacerated scalp and a sprained ankle. She was getting along very nicely last night and will be able to be out in a few days, it is thought.

The ambulance answered numerous emergency calls yesterday afternoon and last night, but it was stated that the accidents for the most part were not of a serious nature.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The schooner Julia T. Cole, 419 tons, Capt. Small, arrived in port yesterday from New York with cargo of coal for the Springer Coal Co.

—Today the regular Sunday schedule will be operated on the suburban line. Cars will be run every half hour during the afternoon. There will be no freight handled on the line today.

—The United States revenue cutter Seminole, Capt. R. D. Crisp in command, arrived yesterday afternoon from one of her regular Winter cruises and will spend the Christmas holidays in port.

—There will be a shooting match at Front and Greenfield streets today. Turkeys and chickens will be offered as the prizes. The matches will be under the direction of Mr. W. S. Mintz.

—It was stated in yesterday's paper that the store of B. B. Sloan, colored, was closed Thursday under an execution from Justice Bornemann's court. The execution was issued but the store was not closed as Sloan made satisfactory arrangements with K. C. Sidbury, Esq., counsel for the plaintiff in the action, C. N. Nixon.

—Iva Randall, a white man, was arrested at Delgado yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff A. T. Piver on the charge of carrying concealed weapons. He was taken before Justice Bornemann and waived the preliminary hearing. He gave a $25 bond for his appearance before the Recorder Monday.

—George Nichols, colored, was indicted in Justice Bornemann's court yesterday afternoon for assault on his step-father, Edward S. Gause. He was also indicted on a peace warrant. When the two met in court the youth broke down and wept. His step-father forgave him and paid the costs in the cases.

POLICE KEPT BUSY.

Nineteen Arrests Had Been Made Up to 11 O'clock Last Night.

The police were kept busy yesterday afternoon and last night and up to 11 P. M., 19 arrests had been made. Each one was drunk and in the case of some the additional charge of disorderly conduct, carrying concealed weapons or firing a pistol in the corporate limits were preferred. "Fearly" Tyson, colored, was arrested at 10:10 o'clock by Patrolman W. G. Brinkley on charges of drunkenness, carrying concealed weapons and firing a pistol at corner of Fourth and Church streets.

There came near being a shooting affray at Front street Market about 8 o'clock between two negroes. One negro had a pistol drawn on another and ready to fire when Patrolman W. C. Moore rushed in. Both negroes ran and owing to a passing car blocking the street for a few seconds the officer was unable to follow them. The negro dropped his pistol, however, which was a 32-calibre of the big, old-fashioned make.

Up to 1 o'clock this morning 24 arrests had been made by the police and the black maria at 2 o'clock this morning was still bringing them in to police headquarters.

Thumb Blown Off by Firecracker.

Notwithstanding the large number of firecrackers exploded in the crowded down-town district of the city last night, only one accident was reported. A 15-year-old youth, who lives in Brooklyn, and whose name the officers did not learn, had one of his thumbs blown off by the explosion of a giant cannon cracker in his hand near corner of Third and Princess streets about 10 o'clock. The young man told an officer that he was carrying the explosive, which was seven inches long, in his hand when some one touched it with a match or lighted cigarette. The young man had no warning and the firecracker went off in his hand. He went to a physician and had the wound dressed and left immediately for his home.

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LACK OF ACCOMMODATION.

Information About Trains at Wilmington Non Est Except at the Shed.

The utter disregard by the Atlantic Coast Line of the convenience of the public in affording some slight measure of information in regard to its belated holiday trains without recourse to the long journey to the union shed and a glance at the sometimes doubtful bulletin board, is a growing source of complaint among patrons of that road in this city. The telephone is ordinarily considered one of the modern conveniences in the conduct of business and as such the public has a right to expect its use by public service corporations, but not so with the Atlantic Coast Line. It is harder to get a bit of information about trains arriving in Wilmington than it is to reach the North Pole, Messrs. Cook and Peary to the contrary notwithstanding. Thursday night in the cold rain and storm, people were forced to betake themselves to the "union shed" and there await the ever increasing delay in the trains, whereas, a 'phone message to a well regulated information department in charge of a $5 a week clerk would have saved much real suffering and inconvenience in this respect. Even the overworked postoffice officials, anxious to handle the mails expeditiously, were forced to send a messenger to the depot to ascertain the probable arriving time of at least one late train in order that they might know if it would be necessary to put on an extra force of clerks to handle the traffic. It was thought that a repetition of these experiences would not occur after the attention of the proper officials of the road was called to the gross dereliction, but last night the conditions were just as bad. People expecting friends on the late trains besieged the newspaper offices, hotels, restaurants and even the postoffice, but all were in the same predicament, "No answer to 'phone messages at the Coast Line". At a late hour one lucky individual bethought himself of the yardmaster's office and there the long-sought information was promptly and courteously given, though it was no part of the employe's business there to report the trains. It is a small thing, of course, but it is the sum total of these small things that go a long way toward creating that "good feeling between the public and common carrier", of which the theorists are sometimes wont to discant.

Old Soldier Fell and Hurt Himself.

Mr. J. H. Hoyle, a Confederate veteran, who says that he is 70 years old, from Pitt county, and on his way to the Soldiers' Home, Raleigh, was arrested on Market, between Front and Second streets, about 10 o'clock last night on the charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He was taken to police station and just as an officer went to show him to a cell he fell, striking his head against the wall. He was sent to the hospital, where his wound, which is not of a serious nature, was dressed. He was carried back to the station.

Mothers find Perry Davis' Painkiller invaluable in the nursery, and it should be kept at hand in case of accident. For pain in the breast take a little Painkiller in sweetened milk and water, bathing the breast in it clear at the same time. If the milk passages are clogged, from cold, or other causes, bathing in the Painkiller will give immediate relief. Ask for New 35- [illegible]

Gaylord will sell firework until 11 o'clock today. **

MARKET QUOTATIONS

¶ The Latest Reports From the Important Trading Centers and From Local Dealers.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 24.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market, steady 52 1-2 cents.

ROSIN—Market, steady $3.60 per barrel.

TAR—Market, firm $1.90 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $2.50 per barrel for hard; $4.00 for dip and $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Naval Stores, Nothing doing (Christmas.)

Spirits turpentine	22
Rosin	270
Tar	180
Crude turpentine	(—)

Receipts, same day last year — casks spirits turpentine; — barrels rosin; — barrels tar; — barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Quiet 14 3-4 for middling.

Receipts—1,000 bales, same day last year, — bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith Dec. 18th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@70; extra prime, 72 1-2; fancy 75@80c; Virginia, prime 65@70; extra prime 75@80s; Spanish $1.00@$1.05.

CORN—Firm 90@95c per bushel for mixed.

N. C. HAMS—Good demand; hams 18c; shoulders 14@15; sides 14@15c.

EGGS—Good demand 27@28c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Spring 20@30; grown 35@40c; scarce.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Good demand at 2@3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDE—Dr. flint 14c; green 9c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Good demand 55@60c per bushel for new yams.

WOOL—Burr 18c; free of burr 24c.

GEESE—50@55 per head.

PORK—Small 10c per pound; large 9c.

SHEEP—Old no demand; Lambs, dull $1.25@$2.50.

TURKEYS—Good demand 15@16c on foot; dressed 18@22c.

COTTON EXCHANGES CLOSED.

New York, Dec. 24.—Today is a holiday on the cotton exchange here.

COTTON RECEIPTS.

New York, Dec. 24.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st:

Galveston	1,713,851
New Orleans	668,610
Mobile	165,284
Savannah	1,083,532
Charleston	182,200
Wilmington	260,256
Norfolk	356,249
Baltimore	37,122
New York	3,003
Boston	4,117
Newport News	5,731
Philadelphia	627
San Francisco	9,828
Brunswick	172,161
Port Townsend	14,869
Pensacola	88,940
Portland, Ore	200
Port Arthur & Sabine Pass	68,896
Jacksonville	27,731
Eagle Pass, Texas	410
El Paso, Texas	415
Laredo, Texas	980
Gulfport	7,981
Georgetown	691
Texas City	7,955
Minor Ports	6,040
Total	4,888,285

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

New York, Dec 24.—For the week ending Friday, December 24th:

Net receipts at all U. S. ports during week 212,236.

Net receipts at all U. S. ports same week last year 358,690.

Total receipts since September 1st 4,888,285.

Total receipts to same date last year 6,057,460.

Exports for the week 128,582.

Exports for same week last year 369,274.

Total exports since September 1st 3,504,236.

Total exports same date last year 4,321,458.

Stock at all United States ports 824,642.

Stock at all United States ports same time last year 1,100,695.

Stock at all interior towns 784,315.

Stock at all interior towns same time last year 885,972.

Stock at Liverpool 1,014,000.

Stock at Liverpool same time last year 769,000.

Stock of American afloat for Great Britain 165,000.

Stock of American for Great Britain same time last year 495,000.

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 14 11-16; net receipts 11,365; stock 222,813.

New Orleans—Net receipts 3,061; stock 167,078.

Mobile—Net receipts 1,500; stock 52,973.

Charleston—Net receipts 2,250; stock 40,925.

Wilmington—Quiet, 14 3-4; net receipts 1,090; stock 12,255.

Norfolk—Holiday—Net receipts 1,884; stock 39,283.

Baltimore—Nominal; net receipts 2,241; stock 14,170.

New York—Holiday; stock 142,938.

Boston—Quiet, 15.75; net receipts 878.

Philadelphia—Holiday; stock 3,050.

Brunswick—Net receipts 1,945; stock 5,621.

Jacksonville—Net receipts 220.

Pensacola—Net receipts 350.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts 20,423; Great Britain 17,711; Continent 4,735; stock 824,642.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 212,236; Great Britain 72,867; France 12,080; Continent 36,940; Japan 5,095, Mexico 1,300.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 4,888,285; Great Britain 1,345,631; France 689,391; Continent 1,336,800; Japan 24,559; Mexico 9,855.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 15 7-16; net receipts 4,084; stock 108,219.

Augusta—Holiday; stock 71,253.

Memphis—Firm, 15 3-8; net receipts 1,636; stock 200,939.

St. Louis—Steady, 15 1-4; net receipts 541; stock 42,153.

Cincinnati—Net receipts receipts 741; 9,995.

Little Rock—Quiet, 14 7-8; net receipts 926; stock 54,683.

Louisville—Firm, 15 1-2; net receipts 125; stock 250.

Total today—Net receipts 8,053; gross receipts 11,455; shipments 13,090; stock 436,475.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET

Liverpool, Dec. 24.—The Cotton Exchange was closed today.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 24.—The dry goods primary markets closed easy in consequence of the holiday approaching. Wide printcloths were sold on a basis of six cents for 58 1-2 inch 64x64s, and old prices declined on narrow cloths. In the cotton yarn markets more firmness obtained but trading is light. Retail holiday trade is good and jobbers had a fairly good week.

THE STOCK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 24.—Today's was a holiday stock market in the seasonable dullness which restricted the activities almost wholly to the closing of contracts. The holiday spirit was manifest also in the cheerful and hopeful sentiment prevailing.

Borrowing on call today carried over until Monday and the evidence of oversupply of funds as the day progressed helped to allay apprehension on this point and conducted to the stiffening of prices of stock. Discounts eased also in foreign markets, indicating the prospect of money relaxation after the turn of the year.

Individual stocks here and there were expected to show marked strength but the subsequent course of stocks, which have had such movements recently, does not inspire confidence in the example.

Reading second preferred collapsed violently today, running off 11 1-2 points from the top price touched in the volatile rise of yesterday.

The most conspicuous movement today was in the Rock Island group, both in the stocks and in the collateral bonds secured by the old Rock Island stock. Belief in identical control of this company, Lehigh Valley and Wabash still figured as the chief influence in the movement.

The general confidence in the good prospects for individual cases, was a helpful factor in keeping prices up. A number of industrials were affected by this influence and by organized market operations in connection with it.

An advance in the price of copper metal in London gave an upward impetus to stocks of the copper industrials.

The bank statement did not appear until after the stock market closed and was not appraised in the dealings, unless the reactionary movement late in the day was due to some advance knowledge that the showing would be rather less favorable than was expected.

Stocks closed irregular. Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, were $6,444,000. United States 3s have advanced 1-8 and the 2s 2 1-4 in the bid price on call since last week. Total sales of stock today were 510,500 shares.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 24.—Money on call firm 2 1-2 to 5 1-2 per cent. Ruling rate 5 1-4, closing bid and offered at 5. Time loans firm; sixty days 4 1-2 to 3-4 per cent., and ninety days 4 1-2. Six months 4 1-4 to 1-2.

Prime mercantile paper 5 to 5 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange weak with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8435 to 4.8445 for sixty day bills and at 4.8720 for demand. Commercial bills 4.84 to 4.84 1-2. Bar silver 52 5-8. Mexican dollars 44.

N. Y. BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, registered	101 1-2
U. S. ref 2s coupon	101 1-2
U. S. 3s, registered	101 3-4
U. S. 3s, coupon	101 3-4
U. S. 4s, registered	114 1-2
U. S. 4s, coupon	115 1-2
Allis Chalmers 1st 5s	84 3-4
American Agricultural 5s	102
American Tel. & Tel cv 4s	104 7-8
American Tobacco 4s	77 1-2
American Tobacco 6s	106
Armour & Co. 4 1-2s	94 1-2
Atchison gen. 4s	100
Atchison cv. 4s	121 3-4
Atchison cv. 5s	121
Atlantic Coast Line 1st 4s	95
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	99 3-8
Baltimore & Ohio 3 1-2s	93
Baltimore & Ohio S. W. 3 1-2s	99 1-8
Brooklyn Transit cv. 4s	86 3-4
Central of Georgia 5s	108 1-2
Central Leather 5s	99
Central R. R. of N. J. gen. 5s	124 7-8
Chesapeake & Ohio 4 1-2s	103
Chesapeake & Ohio ref 5s	105
Chicago & Alton 3 1-2s	73
Chicago, R. I. & Q. joint 4s	97
Chicago, R. & Q. gen. 4s	99 1-2
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 4s	84 1-2
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col 5s	102 3-8
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 4s	84 1-8
Colorado Industrial 5s	84 1-2
Colorado Midland 4s	80 1-2
Colo. & Southern ref & ext. 4 1-2s	97 3-4
Delaware & Hudson cv 4s	102
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	95 3-4
Denver & Rio Grande ref 5s	94 3-8
Distillers 5s	74 1-2
Erie prior lien 4s	86
Erie Gen. 4s	76
Erie cv. 4s series "A"	82
Erie cv. 4s series "B"	72 3-4
General Electric cv 5s	140
Illinois Central 1st ref 4s	90
Interborough Met. 4 1-2s	83 3-4
Inter. Merc. Marine 4 1-2s	70 3-4
Japan 4s	87 7-8
Japan 4 1-2s	94 1-8
Kansas City Southern 1st 3s	73
Lake Shore deb. 4s (1931)	94 1-2
Louisville & Nash. Un. 4s	99 7-8
Missouri, Kan. & Texas 1st 4s	99 1-8
Mo., Kan. & Texas gen. 4 1-2s	91 1-2
Missouri Pacific 4s	81 7-8
National Rys. of Mexico 4 1-2s	94 1-2
New York Central gen. 3 1-2s	91 3-4
New York Central deb. 4s	95 1-2
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford cv. 6s	134 1-2
Norfolk & Western 1st con 4s	98
Norfolk & Western cv. 4s	101 1-2
Northern Pacific 4s	102
Northern Pacific 3s	74
Oregon Short Line rfdg 4s	94 1-2
Penn. cv. 3 1-2s (1915)	96 1-2
Penn. Con. 4s	104
Reading Gen. 4s	99 1-4
St. Louis & San. Fran. fg 4s	85 1-2
St. Louis & San Fran. gen. 5s	88 1-2
St. Louis S'western con. 4s	77 1-2
St. Louis S'western 1st gold 4s	93 1-8
Seaboard Air Line 4s	84
Southern Pacific col. 4s	92
Southern Pacific cv. 4s	104
Southern Pacific R. R. 1st ref 4s	94 3-4
Southern Railway 5s	111 1-2
Southern Railway gen. 4s	81 3-8
Union Pacific 4s	101 1-2
Union Pacific cv. 4s	115 7-8
Union Pacific 1st & ext. 4s	97 5-8
U. S. Rubber 6s	104 5-8
U. S. Steel 2nd 5s	105 1-4
Virginia Car. Chemical 5s	98 7-8
Wabash 1st 5s	111 1-2
Wabash 1st and ext. 4s	78
Western Md., 4s	85
Westinghouse Electric cv 5s	93
Wisconsin Central 4s	94 1-8

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers pfd	54 1-4
Amalgamated Copper	88 1-2
American Agricultural	48 1-4
American Beet Sugar	86 1-2
American Can pfd	81 3-8
American Car & Foundry	71 1-4
American Cotton Oil	68 1-2
American Hide & Leather pfd	46 1-4
American Ice Securities	25 1-4
American Linseed	17
American Locomotive	40
American Smelting & Ref'ng ex div	102 1-8
Amer. Smelting & Ref'ng pfd	110 7-8
American Sugar Refining	121 1-2
American Tel. & Tel	142 3-8
American Tobacco pfd	95 1-2
American Woolen	37
Anaconda Mining Co.	52 3-8
Atchison	122 1-8
Atchison pfd	104 7-8
Atlantic Coast Line	136
Baltimore & Ohio	117 7-8
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	92
Bethleham Steel	33 5-8
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	79 1-2
Canadian Pacific	180
Central Leather	47 3-8
Central Leather pfd	107 1-2
Central of New Jersey	310
Chesapeake & Ohio	83 1-2
Chicago & Alton	36 1-2
Chicago Great Western	32 1-8
Chicago & Northwestern	181
Chicago, Mil & St. Paul	157 1-4
C. C. C. & St. Louis	81 1-2
Colorado Fuel & Iron	50
Colorado & Southern	53
Colorado & Southern 1st pfd	81
Colorado & Southern 2nd pfd	80
Consolidated Gas	158 1-4
Corn Products	22 5-8
Delaware & Hudson	184 1-2
Denver & Rio Grande	51 7-8
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	84 1-4
Distillers' Securities	37
Erie	33 1-4
Erie 1st pfd	49 3-8
Erie 2nd pfd	39 1-2
General Electric	150 1-2
Great Northern pfd	143 1-4
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	80 1-4
Illinois Central	147 1-4
Interborough Met.	24 3-4
Interborough Met pfd	61 1-2
Inter Harvester	116 5-8
Inter Marine pfd	23 7-8
International Paper	13
International Pump	52 3-8
Iowa Central	20 1-2
Kansas City Southern	43 5-8
Kansas City Southern pfd	71
Louisville & Nashville	153
Minneapolis & St. Louis	52
Minn., St. P. & Sault St. M.	139 3-4
Missouri Pacific	71 1-8
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	28 7-8
Missouri, Kansas & Texas, pfd	73 1-2
National Biscuit	115 1-4
National Lead	58
Nat'l Rys. of Mexico 1st pfd	58
New York Central	123 3-4
New York, Ontario & Western	34 3-4
Norfolk & Western	98 1-2
North American	84 1-2
Northern Pacific	145
Pacific Mail	41 1-2
Pennsylvania	137 1-4
People's Gas	115 5-8
Pittsburg, C. C. & St Louis	98 1-2
Pressed Steel Car	31 3-4
Pullman Palace Car	190
Railway Steel Spring	31 1-2
Reading	171 1-4
Republic Steel	45 3-4
Republic Steel pfd	104
Rock Island Co.	49 3-4
Rock Island Co. pfd	92 3-4
St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd	60
St. Louis Southwestern	32 7-8
St. Louis Southwestern pfd	80 1-8
Sloss Sheffield Steel & Iron	87
Southern Pacific	124 1-8
Southern Railway	31 3-4
Southern Railway pfd	73 1-4
Tennessee Copper	38 1-2
Texas & Pacific	35
Toledo, St. Louis & West	51 1-2
Toledo, St. Louis & West. pfd	70
Union Pacific	207
Union Pacific pfd	103 1-2
United States Realty	81
United States Rubber	53 1-8
United States Steel	91
United States Steel pfd	125 1-4
Utah Copper	50
Virginia Car. Chemical	54 3-4
Wabash	23
Wabash pfd	60 3-4
Western Maryland	52 1-2
Westinghouse Electric	81 1-2
Western Union	76 1-2
Wheeling & Lake Erie	9 1-8
Wisconsin Central	48
Standard Oil Co.	660

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 24.—Flour quiet and steady. Winter patents 5.40 to 5.90.

Buckwheat Flour—Quiet.

Corn Meal—Dull.

Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red 1.27 to 1.27 1-2 to arrive elevator and 1.27 fob afloat. Options closed 1c up for December and 1-8 low to other positions May 1.18 1-8; July 1.09 3-8.

Corn—Spot steady No. 2, 70 1-4 elevator 70 3-4 delivered and 68 1-2 fob afloat. Options closed unchanged. December 70 1-2; May 73.

Oats—Spot dull; mixed 47.

Lard, Pork and Tallow—Firm.

Petroleum—Steady.

Rice—Quiet; domestic 2 1-8 to 5 3-4.

Molasses—Steady.

Sugar—Raw barely steady; refined quiet. Confectioners A. 4.75.

Coffee—Futures closed steady, net unchanged to 5 points lower. Spot coffee steady; Rio No. 7, 8 1-2 to 8 5-8; Santos No. 4, 9c. Mild coffee quiet; Cordova 9 to 11 1-2.

Potatoes—Weak; Maine per bag 1.50 to 1.70; Long Island per barrel 1.75 to 2.25; Southern sweets per barrel 75c to 1.25.

Cabbages—Steady, unchanged.

Freights and Peanuts—Unchanged.

Butter—Steady; state dairy common to finest 26 to 34.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Easier; state, Pennsylvania and nearby hennery, brown and mixed, fancy 38 to 40; do gathered brown, fair to prime 32 to 37.

The cotton seed oil market was dull and featureless and in absence of trading prices were barely steady, closing unchanged to 8 points lower with sales of 1,900 barrels. January 7.48 to 7.54; March 7.55 to 7.58; May 7.59 to 7.61; July 7.63 to 7.64. Prime crude 6.53 to 6.60; prime summer yellow 7.50 to 7.60; prime winter yellow 7.90 to 8.50; prime summer white 7.90 to 8.40.

THE GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Increased receipts in the southwest together with favorable conditions for the new sown crop in that section tended to weaken the wheat market here today. The market, however, closed steady with prices 1-4c lower to 1-4c higher. Corn and oats closed firm and provisions steady.

	Opening.	Highest.	Closing.
Wheat—			
Dec.	1 16	1 16 1-2	1 16 1-2
May	1 11 1-8	1 11 3-4	1 11 1-8
July	1 01 1-2	1 02 1-8	1 01 3-4
Corn—			
Dec.	62 3-4	63 3-8	62 3-4
May	66 3-4	67 1-8	66 7-8
July	66 5-8	66 7-8	66 3-4
Oats—			
Dec.	44 1-4	44 1-2	44 3-8
May	45 1-2	45 7-8	45 1-2
July	43 1-4	43 1-2	43 1-4
Mess Pork, per bbl.—			
Jan.	21 80	21 80	21 70
May	21 72 1-2	21 82 1-2	21 82 1-2
July	21 70	21 70	21 70
Lard, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	12 67 1-2	12 67 1-2	12 60
May	11 92 1-2	11 97 1-2	11 95
July	11 90	11 92 1-2	11 92 1-2
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	11 50	11 57 1-2	11 47 1-2
May	11 40	11 45	11 40
July	11 40	11 42 1-2	11 40

CHICAGO CASH GRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Cash wheat No. 2 red 1.25 1-2 to 1.26 1-2; No. 3 red 1.18 to 1.25; No. 2 hard 1.16 to 1.17 1-2; No. 3 hard 1.10 to 1.17; No. 1 northern 1.18 to 1.19; No. 2 northern 1.16 to 1.18; No. 3 spring 1.10 to 1.17.

Corn—No. 3, 60; No. 3 white 61 1-2; No. 3 yellow 61 1-2; No. 4, 59; No. 4 yellow 59.

Oats—No. 2 white 46 to 48; No. 3 white 44 1-4 to 45; No. 4 white 43 1-2 to 44.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 24.—Turpentine quiet, machine barrels 57; rosin quiet, strained common to good 4.15 to 4.20.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 24.—Turpentine quiet 53 1-2. Rosin quiet. Quote: A, B, C, 3.90; D, 3.92 1-2; E, 3.95; F, 3.95; G, 3.97 1-2; H, 4.02 1-2; I, 4.55; K, 5.65; M, 5.90; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

Savannah, Dec. 24.—Turpentine firm 53 3-4 to 54; sales 454; receipts 634; shipments 882. Rosin firm; sales 2,810; receipts 2,561; shipments 1,423; stock 150,355. Quote: A, B, C, 3.92 1-2; D, 3.95; E, 3.97 1-2 to 4.00; G, 4.00; H, 4.10; I, 4.55; K, 5.65; M, 5.90; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

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BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 24, 1909.

C. C. Railroad—8 bales cotton, 8 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—759 bales cotton.

W., C. & A. Railroad—163 bales cotton.

A. & Y. Railroad—160 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 210 barrels rosin, 152 barrels tar.

Str. Whitlock—16 casks spirits turpentine, 60 barrels rosin.

Total—1,090 bales cotton, 22 casks spirits turpentine, 270 barrels rosin, 160 barrels tar.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Kenley (Br.) 2,431 tons, Wilson, Walter Smalbones, Agent.

Hyperia (Br.) 2,518 tons, Enos, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Rothesay (Br.) 280 tons, Phipps, New York, C. D. Maffitt.

Chas. J. Dumast, 605 tons, Curtis, C. D. Maffitt.

F. & T. Lupton, 797 tons, Longstreet, C. D. Maffitt.

Blanche (Br.) 165 tons, Albury, Springer Coal Company.

Lottie K. Russell, 266 tons, James, C. D. Maffitt.

Julia T. Cole, 419 tons Small, C. D. Maffitt.

CAROLINA HEALTH COUNCIL.

Important Work Launched at Greenville, S. C., Recently.

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 23.—Health problems, hygienic education and tuberculosis campaigning were discussed here Wednesday afternoon in a conference called in connection with the Tuberculosis Exhibition which is being held in this city. Mill owners and superintendents, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. secretaries, various welfare workers, with physicians and ministers, teachers and mill employes, were here to discuss very practical topics having to do with making small towns and mill villages better places in which to live. The session was presided over by Dr. Anna L. Brown, National Secretary of Physical Education and Hygiene for the Y. W. C. A. The discussions were taken up by Thos. F. Parker, president of Monaghan mills; G. C. Huntington, of the Carolina Y. M. C. As.; Miss Lillian Long, of the Y. W. C. A.; L. P. Hollis, of Monaghan Y. M. C. A.; Miss Grace Osborne, of Monaghan Y. W. C. A.; Norman Schlichter, Interstate Y. M. C. A.; Rev. G. C. Creech, of Victor Y. M. C. A.; J. M. Mitchell, Woodside Y. M. C. A.; Dr. J. G. Mock and Miss A. L. Shiffershee of Piedmont and others.

Many practical suggestions were offered and interest was aroused in some lines of work which have not been fully developed in the Carolina towns. There was a general agreement among those present that the teachers and the preachers ought to teach and preach health and hygiene, and that the schools and churches ought to be kept in more wholesome condition than they frequently are. Plans were made showing how schools could get up health and tuberculosis exhibits for their own use and for the school patrons.

The especially important plan proposed was the formation in each village of a council on health and tuberculosis, these to be made up of representatives of the different clubs and classes, associations and churches, so that without forming a new organization, they would have an efficient, yet informal agency for looking after health matter and planning that tuberculosis and other cause of danger can be properly discussed.

For the future "team work" in both States, it was proposed to form a Carolina Health and Tuberculosis Council. A committee of two was appointed to nominate the members for this council, which will be self directing and self perpetuating. The council will make itself as large as it chooses and will make its own plans and do whatever it thinks to be wise in order that towns and villages of the two States shall be made as attractive and as wholesome as possible.

Immediately following the conference session, there was a special stereopticon illustration, illustrating some of the things discussed during the afternoon together with illustrations of how to prevent and control tuberculosis or consumption. There followed an address on "Tuberculosis In the Home," by Dr. Anna L. Brown, of New York City.

The directors of the Pennsylvania Company at Philadelphia Wednesday declared a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent., which makes the dividends paid for the year 8 per cent., an increase of 1 per cent.

"Gunboat" Smith and Jack Burns were matched yesterday to fight 20 rounds in 'Frisco December 29th, for a percentage of the gate money and a side bet of $500.

PARLOR CAR SERVICE ON SEABOARD BETWEEN HAMLET AND WILMINGTON.

The Seaboard has re-established Parlor Car Service on their trains Nos. 39 and 40 between Hamlet and Wilmington, effective December 20th. Leave Hamlet 9.05 A. M., arrive Wilmington 1.15 P. M.; returning leave Wilmington 3.20 P. M. arrive Hamlet 7.30 P. M.

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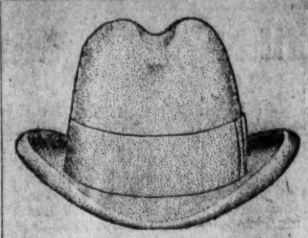

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Come here and buy your Xmas goods and vote for the piano. Look at the list of participants:

Miss Lena McKenzie	1,189	Miss Annie Banks	320
Delgado Sunday School	22	Miss Rosa May Furlong	353
Y. M. C. A.	1,040	Miss Lillian Bannerman	2,652
Miss Thelma Fillyaw	785	Brotherhood Railway Clerks.	359
Major Johnson	206	Miss Lydia Davis	240
Miss Fenley, for Hospital	209	Miss Lillian Vaughn	261
Mrs. C. Williams	2,502	W. E. Jays	321
St. John's Sunday School	2,686	Miss Mallie Houston	977
Miss Viola East	311	Fenley Bros.	1,549
D. Hendricks	217	Naval Reserves	206
First Presbyterian S. S.	207		

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THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 25, 1909.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. Friday, Dec. 24th:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 28 degrees; 8 P. M. 43 degrees; maximum 49 degrees; minimum 28 degrees; mean 38 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, 2.20 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayettville at 8 A. M. Friday 2.3 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Rain Saturday, Sunday generally fair and somewhat colder, moderate variable winds becoming northwest by Sunday.

Port Calendar—Dec 25.

Sun Rises.....7:16 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:09 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 45 min.
High water at Southport 6:28 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 9:28 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Platt & Haar—Mery Xmas.
Crystal Palace—Christmas Tree.
A. O. Schuster—Holiday Greeting.
Peterson & Rulfs—Merry Christmas.
D. L. Gore & Co.—Christmas Greeting.
Hibernian Benevolent Society—In Memoriam.

Business Locals.

Goat—Lost.
Lost—Pocket Book.
Wanted—Furnished Rooms.
Wanted—To Rent Small Farm.
W. M. Cumming—Real Estate.
The Hicks Co.—Popular Fruits.
H. C. Twining—Horse and Buggy Stolen.
Wanted—Position as Stenographer and Bookkeeper.

CORNER IN TURKEYS.

Greensboro Has Famine in Fowls on Christmas Eve.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 24.—Christmas eve finds a turkey famine in Greensboro. Not a single one of the birds to be found for love or money. Householders who put off until the last buying the piece de resistance for the Christmas dinner will be forced to fall back upon the everyday hen. Not even a duck or goose is for sale here this afternoon.

Sully and Patten attempted to corner the cotton and wheat markets, but it remained for John J. Phoenix, general manager of the Proximity Mercantile Company, to effectually corner the turkey market in this vicinity, and he has been so successful that there is not a turkey on sale in Guilford county today.

Every year the Messrs. Cone make a Christmas present of turkeys to every family residing in the mill villages of Proximity, White Oak and Revolution, without regard to whether the members of the family are employed in the mills. Formerly they bought their turkeys in carload lots from Tennessee, Missouri and other States, but believing in the doctrine of patronizing home industries, they determined to buy the turkeys this year from Guilford and surrounding counties.

An order for 2,000 or more turkeys was placed with the Proximity Mercantile Company, which, by the way, is neither owned nor controlled by the Proximity Manufacturing Company, and General Manager Phoenix proceeded to get busy. He advertised through The Greensboro Patriot that he would take every turkey for sale in the county at the highest market price and placed similar advertisements in several other weekly papers in this section. The result is: Mr. Phoenix got all the turkeys and the public is afforded another illustration of the truth that "It pays to advertise."

RAILROAD Y. M. C. A.

One Will be Founded by Coast Line at Rocky Mount at Once.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 24.—It is a gratifying Christmas announcement, though under consideration for a year or more, that the Atlantic Coast Line during the coming year will establish a railroad Y. M. C. A. in this city, $20,000 being available for this purpose. Plans have already been drawn and site purchased just south of the passenger depot and in easy access to all the railroad offices here. The building is to be of brick with about 120 feet frontage, two stories and basement, containing bath rooms, toilet rooms, bowling alleys and other features. On the first floor will be the library, assembly hall and reception rooms while the second floor will consist entirely of sleeping rooms.

WRECK VICTIMS.

Only Seven of 28 Now Remain in Hospital at Greensboro.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 24.—Of the 28 patients who were removed to the hospital as a result of the wreck of train No. 11 at Rocky Fork trestle last Wednesday when 12 persons were killed, only seven now remain and reports from the hospital as to the condition is favorable except in the case of Frank Smith, who has not yet regained consciousness. John Phillips who was reported critically injured, left for his home at Petersburg yesterday.

EVEN CURES ULCERS.

Remarkable Results from Skin Remedy That Costs Almost Nothing.

No matter how bad a sore or ulcer afflicts you, it is said that Hokara the pure skin food, will cure it. In fact, if it doesn't cure, the purchase price will be refunded.

J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co., the local agents for Hokara, who have sold hundreds of packages the last few weeks, say they have yet to find any form of wound or disease affecting the skin that Hokara does not heal, and its relief is so instantaneous that those who try it are simply delighted with it.

Pimples, eczema, blackheads, acne, barber's itch, and all skin troubles are quickly cured by applying this simple skin food and tissue builder. It contains no grease or acids, and is cleanly to use.

J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co. is selling Hokara at the low price of 25c for a liberal sized jar.

If the skin trouble is caused by impure blood or if the bowels are inactive, use Hokara Blood Tablets. They cool and cleanse the blood and regulate the bowels in a natural way.

Merry Christmas to our friends. People's Savings Bank. **

MARK TWAIN'S GREAT SORROW

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panion in his literary work.

Since early womanhood she had been subject to epilepsy but in recent years her health had improved. The body will be sent to Elmira, N. Y., for interment where the funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon.

It was said tonight that Mr. Clemens will not be able to attend the funeral. He is now 74 years old and his physicians discourage the unusual fatige that he would undergo on such a journey.

CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

Showing For Five Days of Week Ended With Holidays.

New York, Dec. 24.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week (five days) shows that the banks held $10,143,275 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent reserve rule. This is a decrease of $298,425 in the proportionate cash reserve compared with last week. The statement follows:

Loans, increase $6,438,600.
Deposits, increase $7,018,100.
Circulation, increase $144,400.
Legal tenders, decrease $1,331,000.
Specie, increase $2,787,100.
Reserve required, increase $1,754,525.
Surplus, decrease $298,425.
Ex U. S. deposits, decrease $290,275.

The percentage of actual reserve of the clearing house banks today was 25.92.

The statement of banks and trust companies of Greater New York not reporting to the clearing house shows that those institutions have aggregate deposits of $1,242,766,300; total cash on hand $142,090,400, and loans amounting to $1,102,728,000.

EIGHT PERISHED IN FLAMES.

Whole Family and Three Boarders Lost Their Lives.

Hillsville, Pa., Dec. 24.—At least eight persons are dead and two others were seriously injured today, as the result of the explosion of an oil lamp in the home of Santano Cierbo.

The house occupied by Cierbo and family was a frame structure. As a result of the fire, the father, the mother and the children are dead and the family has been wiped out. Cierbo kept boarders or roomers. Of the five boarders, three perished in the flames, while the remaining two received slight burns.

The fire was caused by the breaking of a lamp in the hallway that had been left burning. In some manner the lamp dropped from the shelf and exploded. The house was completely destroyed.

ILL-FATED AMES.

News of Her Loss Received in Boston. The Trip.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 16.—Loss of the five-masted schooner "Governor Ames" wrecked off Cape Hatteras on Monday, was a hard blow to local shipping. She was used almost directly in the coasting trade.

Captain King, his wife, and 12 men of the crew are reported lost.

A letter was received from King a few days ago from Brunswick, Ga. He said the run down the coast was the fastest trip he had ever made in the Ames. He expected to make the trip back in record time.

PRESIDENT TAFT SANTA CLAUS

Strolled Around Washington Yesterday and Saw the Sights.

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Taft, accompanied by Capt. Butt, his military aide, went shopping afoot this afternoon, playing Santa Claus in open fashion. He wandered from shop to shop, taking a hearty interest in the store windows and good naturedly returning the jostling of the crowds which jammed the side walks. After nearly an hour and a half's walk the Presidential party returned to the White House. A remarkable feature of Mr. Taft's trip was the small number who recognized him.

BLOODY CHRISTMAS EVE FEUD.

One Man Killed and One Fatally Wounded in Georgia.

Gainesville, Ga., Dec. 24.—A family feud of long standing between the Clark and Crane families broke out afresh at a church social at Nimbelwell Church, Lumpkin county, last night, in which Homer Clark was killed outright and his brother Henry shot through the head and fatally wounded, according to reports brought here today. Mark Crane, who is alleged to have done the shooting, made his escape.

RAIDED MAMMOTH BLIND TIGER.

Georgia Negroes Will Go Without Christmas Booze.

Dawson, Ga., Dec. 24.—Officers today raided the store of Clayton Aaron, colored, and confiscated 1,100 pints of alleged blind tiger whiskey. Three wagons were required to transport the goods to the court house. The whiskey was very cleverly concealed in the ceiling of the store, the officers finding it after a very close search. Aaron was lodged in jail under a charge of violating the State prohibition law.

CANDIDATE WITHDRAWS.

Florida Statesman Sick and Don't Care to Make Fight.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 24.—W. A. Blount, of Pensacola, an announced candidate for United States Senator, who had already begun his canvass of the State, today announced his withdrawal from the contest, giving as his reasons for so doing ill health and the self-humiliation it would cause him in asking the people for their votes.

A deal was consummated at Norton, Va., Thursday, whereby E. H. Ould, of Middlesboro, Ky., becomes two thirds owner of the Huettel Coal & Coke Company, a mining corporation in wise county, the consideration being $55,000. About 600 acres of fine coal land held in fee simple goes with the corporation.

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FLEEING FROM NICARAGUA

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navy wireless station, at Colon:

"For Shipley, Des Moines. Moffat cables surrendered Nicaraguan army at Bluefields is starving. You are authorized to furnish Moffat and request such supplies as you do not immediately require. Sending $5,000. American Red Cross will meet expenses."

A dispatch from Ctptain Shipley dated this morning shows that he is promptly meeting the situation by minimizing the danger from epidemic through cleaning the town and segregating the soldiers at a point outside the city.

PASS NEW "STAMP ACT."

Society Women Rule That Invitations Must Bear Tuberculosis Label.

Society's first gun in the war against tuberculosis in Chicago was fired at the initial meeting of prominent society women who form the auxiliary committee that is to work in conjunction with the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute in promoting the sale of the Red Cross Christmas Stamp during the holidays, as reported by the Chicago Record-Herald.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Bryan Lathrop, who acted as chairman of the auxiliary committee, it was announced that during the Winter all invitations to social functions of whatever nature, to be strictly "au fait", must wear upon the envelopes the Red Cross Christmas Stamp. This announcement was made in all seriousness, and it is said will be eagerly accepted as law.

The campaign comprises overtures to the leading clubs, theatres, restaurants, candy shops, railway stations, hospitals and street railways, requesting that they take proper steps to advertise the Christmas Stamp. Chairmen were named to head the committees that are to have charge of this work.

All leading theatres will be asked to label with the Christmas stamp every programme used on Christmas and New Year's day. The large downtown candy shops will be asked to instruct their clerks to ask each purchaser if they may attach to the package containing the purchase one of these emblems. The railroads will be approached for permission to establish selling booths in the depots. The restaurants and clubs will be asked to display the stamps on their menus.

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IN MEMORIAM.

At a special meeting of the Hibernian Benevolent Society at its hall on the 23rd day of December, 1909, President T. Donlan in the chair, a committee was appointed to prepare resolutions of respect to the memory of our departed Brother member, Colonel John Lucas Cantwell, who died December 21, 1909.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has been pleased to call from his earthly career, our well-beloved Brother, Colonel John Lucas Cantwell, we sincerely hope to a higher and better life:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Hibernian Benevolent Society, with whom he was associated and among whom he lived and labored, desire to record a full and heartfelt appreciation of our great loss in the death of one of our most honored members, ever faithful in council, prompt with personal effort and labor, generous to give and to extend a helping hand, and whose memory will be cherished by us so long as our hearts beat. We, his survivors, recognize the tenderness of heart, sincerity of devotion, his usefulness of life and his peaceful and happy death;

Resolved, That the tenderest sympathy of the Society be reverently tendered the sorrowing family in the hour of mutual bereavement;

Resolved, That a page in our Record Book be set apart, sacred to his memory, and that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased Brother.

M. O'BRIEN, D. O'CONNOR,
T. DONLAN, M. CARROLL,
JOHN BARRY, THOS. TORPY,
Committee.

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WANTED—Three or four furnished rooms for light housekeeping; must be in good location. Address W., care Star. de 25 3t*

WANTED to rent a small farm, must be a good house and some fruit trees on the place. Will pay a money rent. Address D., care Star, Wilmington, N. C. de 25 1t*

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WANTED—An experienced gentleman stenographer and bookkeeper wants position at once. Best references. Address W., Box 463. de 25 2 t*

STOLEN—A horse and buggy from hitching post in front of house, 515 North Fourth street, small bay horse with letter "T" branded on right shoulder, white spot in face. Liberal reward if returned to Captain H. C. Twining. de 25 1t*

POPULAR FRUITS at popular prices will be sold from 9 A. M. to 11 A. M. today at 311 North Front street. A few basket grapes will be in the assortment. The Hicks Company. de 25 1t*

LOST—One large white and yellow goat with scar on right fore foot. Return to C. D. Gilbert, 212 Market street and receive reward. de 25 1t

LOST—On Front street, between L. Shrier's store and A. C. L. depot, pocketbook containing between $12 and $15 Friday night about 9 o'clock. If finder will return same to "B" care Star office will be liberally rewarded. de 25 1t

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THERE WILL BE a Fine Shooting Match at Front and Greenfield streets. Come and try your luck. There will be plenty of chickens and turkeys for all. W. S. Mintz. de 24 2t

39th SERIES B. & L. Stock in Mechanics Home Association opens January 1st, 1910; subscribe now. W. M. Cumming, secretary, 108 Princess street. de 24 tf ex su.

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